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GCC chiefs agree on economic integration

MANAMA, Dec. 26 (SPA) — Finance ministers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ended two days of meetings here Sunday with an accord to begin implementation of the articles pertaining to tariffs and customs as enshrined in the economic agreement signed last year to achieve economic integration of the council states.

The ministers also reviewed a report prepared by customs officials from the six states on standardizing tariffs and customs.

The council is made up of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

The GCC ministerial cooperative committee on finance and economy held preliminary meetings here Sunday discussing standardizing customs practices and coordinating investment, monetary and banking policies.

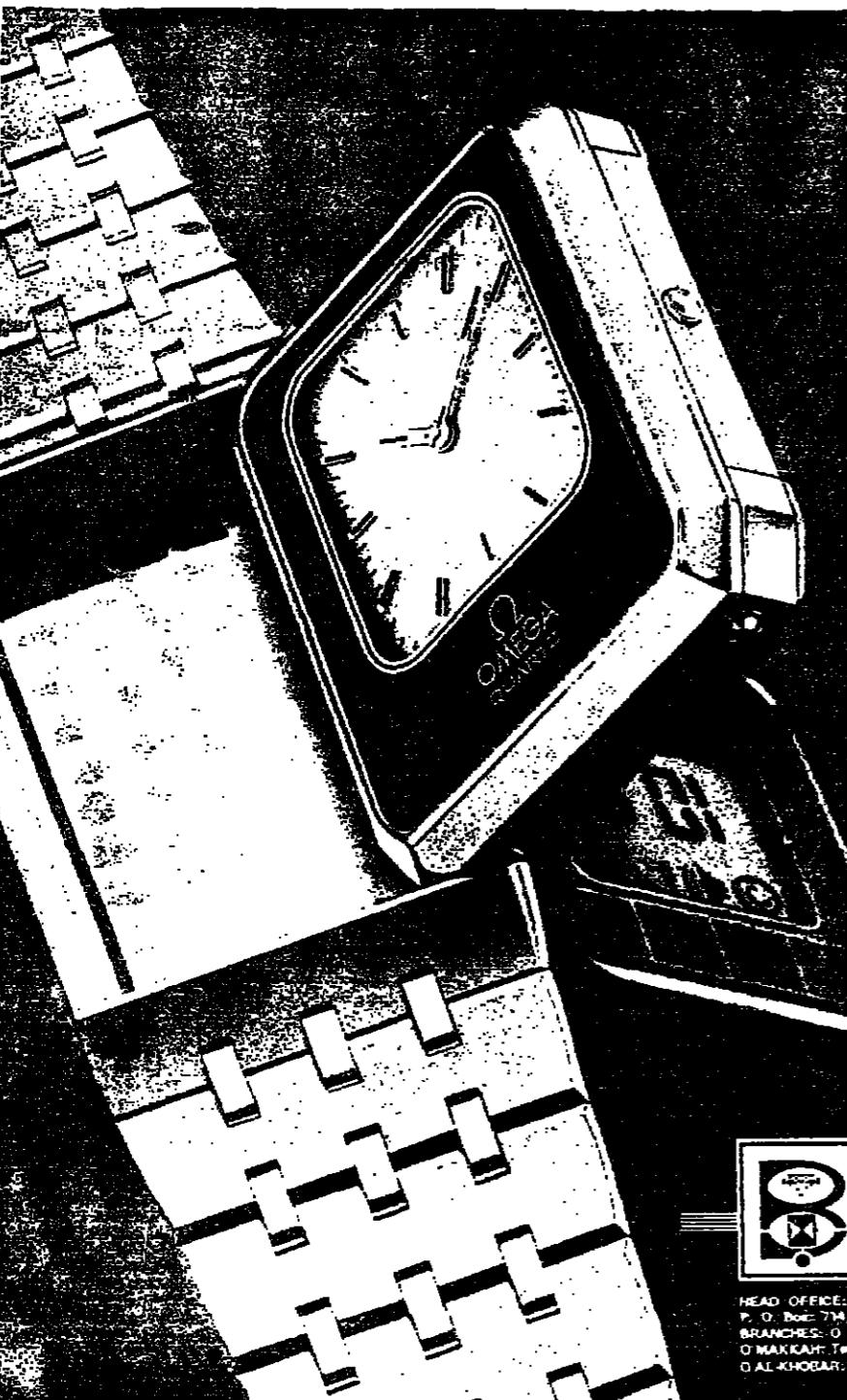
Finance and National Economy minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil lead the Kingdom's delegation at the committee's meeting. In an opening address, Bahraini Economy and Finance Minister Ibrahim Abdul Karim said the formation of the 'GCC was a leap forward in the Arab contemporary history for the overall development of the region. He added that the council was set up on firm bases of Islamic faith and close bonds of neighborly ties.

Karim called on member states to abide by the principles of economic coordination and integration enshrined in the recently concluded economic agreement among them.

Saturday's meeting, which was confirmed to the six ministers alone, reviewed issues in the minister's agenda.

The ministers are scheduled to discuss the articles of the unified economic agreement relating to coordination of internal and external investment policies, coordination of monetary, finance and banking policies, and the steps to be taken to embark on the activities of the proposed Gulf Investment Corporation.

The meeting is also expected to review a report presented by the customs directors of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the UAE following their meeting here last Wednesday.



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Farewell party next week Chinese ambassador leaving

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 26 — Republic of China Ambassador Yu-Chi Hsueh will leave the Kingdom in mid-January to take up a new assignment as ROC's ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Hsueh represented his country in Saudi Arabia for almost eight years. While in the Kingdom he had a very successful career.

During his long period of service, the economic and political relations between the Kingdom and ROC have been strengthened considerably. The cooperation in the fields of medical, agriculture, industry, engineering and cultural exchange also increased rapidly, according to an embassy spokesman.

He told *Arab News*, the ambassador has arranged a reception on Jan. 3 at his residence to bid farewell to his friends and



well-wishers in the Kingdom. He said Wei-Ping Tsai will be the new ROC ambassador to the Kingdom.

Kuwait seminar recommends GCC coordination bureau establishment

RIYADH, Dec. 26 (SPA) — The establishment of a central coordination bureau for morale guidance and public relations departments of the armed forces in member

Earthquake relief meeting due Tuesday

JEDDAH, Dec. 26 — Makkah Governor Prince Majeed this coming Tuesday will chair a meeting of the Relief Committee for Victims of the Earthquake in North Yemen. *Al-Madina* reported Sunday. The meeting at Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, will be attended by chamber officials, members and staff and by prominent businessmen and merchants.

A meeting of the Makkah Fund Raising Committee for the same purpose was scheduled in Makkah Sunday evening under Hamad Al-Shawi, vice chairman of the Higher Fund Raising Committee. Shawi told *Al-Riyadha* that the meeting will draw up a comprehensive plan on how best to channel aid in cash and in kind to the victims. Saudi Arabian businessmen will be urged to make generous donations. The appeal will be addressed through the media and at seminars to be organized at the area's schools.

states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) was recommended during a seminar held in Kuwait Dec. 20 to 23.

The Kingdom's delegation to the seminar returned here Saturday. Delegations from all GCC states attended the seminar which decided that the next seminar is to be hosted by Saudi Arabia. Kuwait was named the temporary base for the proposed central coordination bureau which will later be incorporated to the GCC Secretariat in Riyadh.

Other recommendations included standardization of the names of departments in charge of morale guidance and public relations activities for the armed forces of GCC states under "the department of moral guidance and public relations."

The delegations which took part in the seminar were received by Kuwaiti Defense Minister Sheikh Salem Al-Sabah and Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Abdullah Faraj Al-Ghanem.

Quake aid collection exceeds SR415,000

TABUK, Dec. 26 (SPA) — More than SR415,000 were collected by the committee established here to help Yemen citizens affected by the earthquake disaster. The committee is chaired by Prince Abdul Majeed ibn Abdul Aziz governor of Tabuk.

PLO says no serious rift with Syria

Lebanon's troubles made by Israel

JEDDAH, Dec. 26 — Rafiq Natsha, director of Patech (the Palestine Liberation Organization) office in Saudi Arabia Sunday praised Saudi Arabia's support to the Palestinian cause and argued that continuation of the civil war in Lebanon was the best evidence that the PLO was not the cause of Lebanon's troubles.

Natsha told *Al-Jazirah* that he wondered why after the Palestinian troops were evacuated, "we hear every day of assassination attempts, bombed cars that explode and a blazing sectarian strife in Lebanon?" The civil war was already there in 1958 before the arrival of the Palestinians.

The PLO official said that the Palestinian commandos never left Beirut. They are still there in the person of Lebanese and Palestinian nationals forming part of the Lebanese people, but not overtly like before. All the troubles in Lebanon — past and present — are of the making of the Israelis, he said. And he expected an escalation of commando operations against the arrogant enemy which is still occupying Lebanon, the entire area of Palestine and the Golan.

Natsha laughed at the investigation into the massacre at the Sabra and Chatilla Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

"The inquirers are Israeli, the one who perpetrated the massacre was Israeli, the one who requested the investigation was Israeli and the judge is Israeli; so what else can we expect than an Israeli verdict?" he asked.

The official said he was absolutely certain that an independent Palestinian state will be set up at gun point, "not because the Palestinian people are particularly fond of bloodshed, but because the whole world has proved to us in practice that we have no other alternative but guns and sacrifices. Our blood will be the dowry — which we know to be expensive — of Palestine, dear to us and to all Islamic people."

Such a state, Natsha pointed out, could, as a first step, be set up in Gaza, "because we shall adopt and implement any political decision that secures one inch of our land. But we believe that Palestinian territory covers the total area of Palestine, not just a chunk. We do not reject a chunk, but it is not for such that we shall give up our well-known legitimate territorial rights in Palestine. No Palestinian official can accept U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 388."

Natsha denied the existence of any serious rift with Syria and said that any talk about a confederation with Jordan would be point-

less, if the object is other than an independent Palestinian state and two separate political entities. He regretted that despite all the efforts exerted by the Palestinians, he could say that he is optimistic about the American attitude. He said that such an attitude and the Palestinian cause were still poles apart. The Americans, he added, seem to be neither talking, nor acting seriously. "In their statements, we find only very, very indirect hints about some of our rights," he said. "The big gap is not the deed of the PLO, but of the Americans, because they are far from right and justice."

The PLO official said that Chairman

ser Arafat will visit Egypt, but that the

he has not yet been fixed. As a matter of

the visit would depend on political stater

to be made by Egypt to prepare a con

ground for discussions which will take

during the visit. Natsha said we (Palestinians) appreciate and admire the steps take

Egypt, especially during and after the Le

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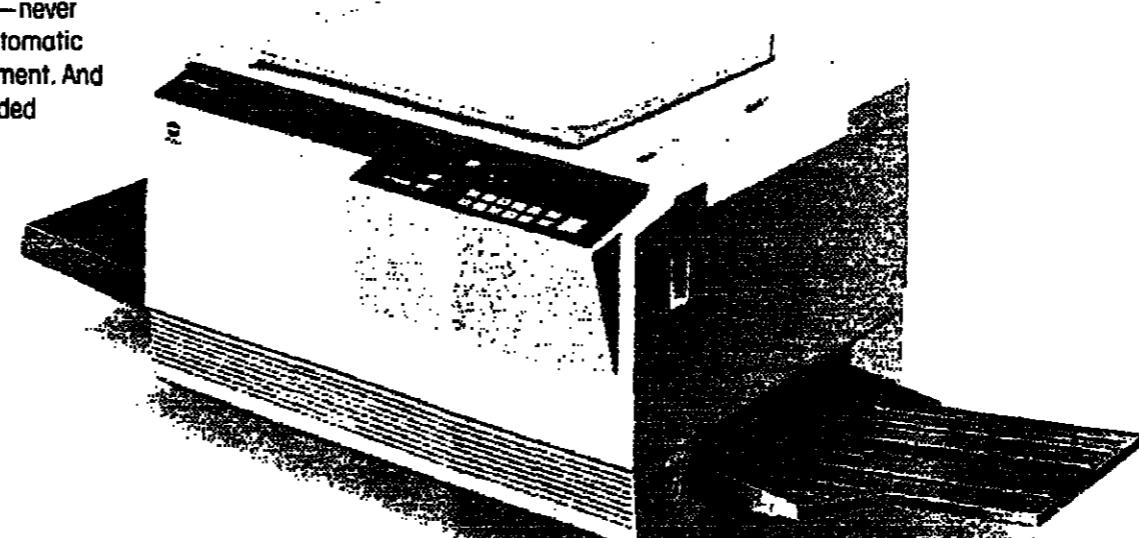
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Lebanese opponents ignore truce appeal

BEIRUT, Dec. 26 (Agencies) — Ignoring appeals for a truce, Lebanese Christian and Druze militiamen fought battles in the hills near Beirut Saturday night.

Security sources reported sporadic shelling around the coastal town of Khalde, south of Beirut, where fighting broke out three days

Quit Lebanon cry mounts in Israel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26 (R) — Several thousand demonstrators held a torchlight procession here calling for the immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon.

The protest was organized Saturday night by the Public Committee Against the War in Lebanon. There were no incidents.

Marchers carried slogans calling for direct negotiations with the Palestinians. Israeli troops have been in Lebanon since last June and more than 450 of them have died so far.

Two Israeli soldiers were wounded late Saturday near the Lebanese town of Aley on the Beirut-Damascus Road, the military command said.

The soldiers were hit when light arms and Bazooka fire was aimed at an Israeli Army vehicle. They taken to hospital in Israel, but there was no word on their condition.

Last week, five Israeli soldiers died in two explosions in Lebanon. Aley has been the scene of almost daily violence between warring Christian and Druze militiamen and Israeli troops in the area have frequently been targets for both sides.

Municipal strike cripples Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26 (AP) — Eighty thousand municipal employees including clerks and garbage collectors began an open-ended strike Sunday to pressure the government into wage concessions.

The strikers are part of the country's 400,000 public service employees who have been demanding wage increases of 12 percent. Other sectors of public service workers have threatened to strike if wage demands are not met.

The Histadrut Labor Federation and the Labor Ministry were to resume talks Sunday. Histadrut officials earlier said the two sides

ago. The Phalangists' Voice of Lebanon radio said that Israeli forces had intervened Saturday night between Druze forces of Walid Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party holding Aramoun, and the Christian Lebanese forces in Khalde, just south of here.

Lebanon and Israel are due to open negotiations in Khalde Monday on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon. The continuing violence cast a shadow over the pullout talks.

Khalde is one of two sites selected for the talks which are to alternate between the Beirut suburb and Israel's northern border town of Kiryat Shmona.

According to unconfirmed estimates, up to 12 persons have been killed in the latest fighting. The dispute between Christians and Druze in the mountainous area southeast of Beirut began when the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June allowed Christian militias allied with the Israelis into districts controlled for years by the Druze.

A truce arranged Friday by Boulos Naaman, a monk linked to the Phalangist Party, and Druze leader Walid Jumblatt collapsed almost immediately.

Beirut radio stations reported clashes Friday and Saturday in several areas extending from Khalde to the town of Bhamdoun. Clergymen and newspapers appealed without success to the combatants for a truce.

"Will Lebanon ever know a festival without grief, and will the hope revived at the end of summer vanish with autumn?" asked the French-language daily *L'orient-le Jour* Sunday.



PALESTINIAN EXODUS: Following the occupation of the West Bank, the Palestinians have been steadily leaving for other states. Picture shows scores of Palestinians departing after Israel started settling Jews on the West Bank.

Exodus of Palestinians crosses 100,000 mark

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26 (Agencies) — More than 100,000 Palestinians have left the Israeli-occupied West Bank territory for Jordan and the Gulf countries since 1974, according to a bank of Israel study.

Experts attribute the trend to economic stagnation in the territory, difficulties in daily life because of the Israeli occupation, a lack of opportunity for inhabitants like university lecturers, and job offers from the Gulf.

According to the bank's study, the annual emigration rate from the territory — where Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government is pressing Jewish settlement plans — had been around 13,500 a year since 1974.

This compared with an annual rate in the five preceding years of just 1,500 a year, while the national statistics bureau indicated 20,000 departures in both 1980 and 1981.

The population in the territory — excluding occupied Jerusalem which Israel also took over in the 1967 Israeli-Arab war — had increased by one percent a year for the last

nine years, with a high birth rate, to reach 704,000 in 1980.

Israeli policy to harass Palestinians and settle the West Bank with Jews is not universally popular in Israel. Doves say it will kill chances for real peace with the Arabs, but anti-settlement demonstrations have not made much impact. Slum-dwellers complain the money should be spent on them. Opposition parliament member Amnon Rubinstein of the Shinui Party asserts that Israel has no legal title to the land for the new villages.

Today's new settler is more likely to be a politically unattached Tel Aviv accountant than a member of Gush Emunim (block of the faithful) who used protracted sit-ins a few years ago to root Jewish villages in West Bank.

The early Israeli settlers in West Bank moved into tents and fiber-board huts, living the rough life of pioneers to establish a presence. Now private firms are developing small towns.

Rioting in Tel Aviv Oriental Jews up in arms

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26 (Agencies) — Class resentment and ethnic hostility between Jews of European and oriental extraction, never far below the surface of Israeli Society, burst into the open this weekend in Tel Aviv.

Sephardic (oriental Jewish) activists went on the rampage Saturday after police shot dead a slum resident in Tel Aviv's predominantly Sephardic southern neighborhood on Thursday.

Shimon Yehoshua, whose family had built an illegal extension to its house, mounted the roof of the building and fired at police and municipal workers when they arrived with a demolition order. The police fired back, fatally wounding him.

Sephardic activists called the shooting a murder and vowed revenge on what they called "the Ashkenazi (Western Jewish) establishment."

The activists' supporters took to the streets in Tel Aviv's rich northern suburbs Saturday, wrecking scores of cars, and daubing anti-Ashkenazi slogans and swastikas on the walls of buildings, including a synagogue.

Police put a 24-hour guard on the house of Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, after he received assassination threats.

Askenazi-Sephardi hostility is not new in Israeli society. It was a central theme in the 1981 general election when Sephardic supporters of Prime Minister Menahem Begin violently disrupted election rallies of the opposition Labor Party.

Zhao's trip aims to better Rabat ties

RABAT, Dec. 26 (Agencies) — Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang arrives here from Algeria Monday for a three-day visit to Morocco expected to strengthen the already friendly Sino-Moroccan ties.

The visit, the first by a senior Chinese official since Prime Minister Chou En-lai came in 1963, will also finalize projects outlined during Moroccan Premier Maaoui Bousaid's trip to Peking in February.

Zhao, who flew in Algiers Friday from Cairo, met several times with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid during his four-day visit.

Zhao's talks with the Algerian president focused on the Arab peace plan for the Middle East, the need to strengthen the nonaligned movement and the promotion of a new international economic order.

The Sephardi Jews, most of whom came from north Africa in the 1950s, say they were discriminated against by Ashkenazi-dominated Labor Party for years. Their overwhelming support for Begin was the main factor in his electoral victories in 1977 and 1981.

Despite the high living standard achieved by many Israelis in recent years, thousands of poor oriental Jews still live in crowded slums in south Tel Aviv.

Zia returns home

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 26 (AFP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq returned here Sunday after a two-week tour of the United States and Canada and declared that he was satisfied with his talks there.

Zia added that he also stopped in Abu Dhabi on his way back for talks with United Arab Emirates leader Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Nahyan.

Zia said he had completely recovered from a cold he caught in Washington, where he underwent a medical examination.

OIC chief hopeful of Gulf war end

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 26 (AFP) — The Organization of Islamic conference is trying to prepare a new initiative to end the war between Iraq and Iran, OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti said here Sunday.

Chatti said the peace committee set up by the OIC was still active, and the fact that attempts to negotiate a ceasefire had so far proved unsuccessful did not mean that the mission had failed.

Ex-Turkish diplomat commits suicide

SANTA MONICA, California, Dec. 26 (AP) — A retired Turkish diplomat died after flinging himself over a 30-meter cliff police said.

Ali Bolukbasi, 48, died Friday morning after apparently jumping over a cliff at Palisades Park onto the Pacific Coast Highway, police said.

Tunisia bans weekly opposition paper

TUNIS, Dec. 26 (AFP) — A Tunisian opposition weekly has been banned for six months after publishing information considered "defamatory" by the state.

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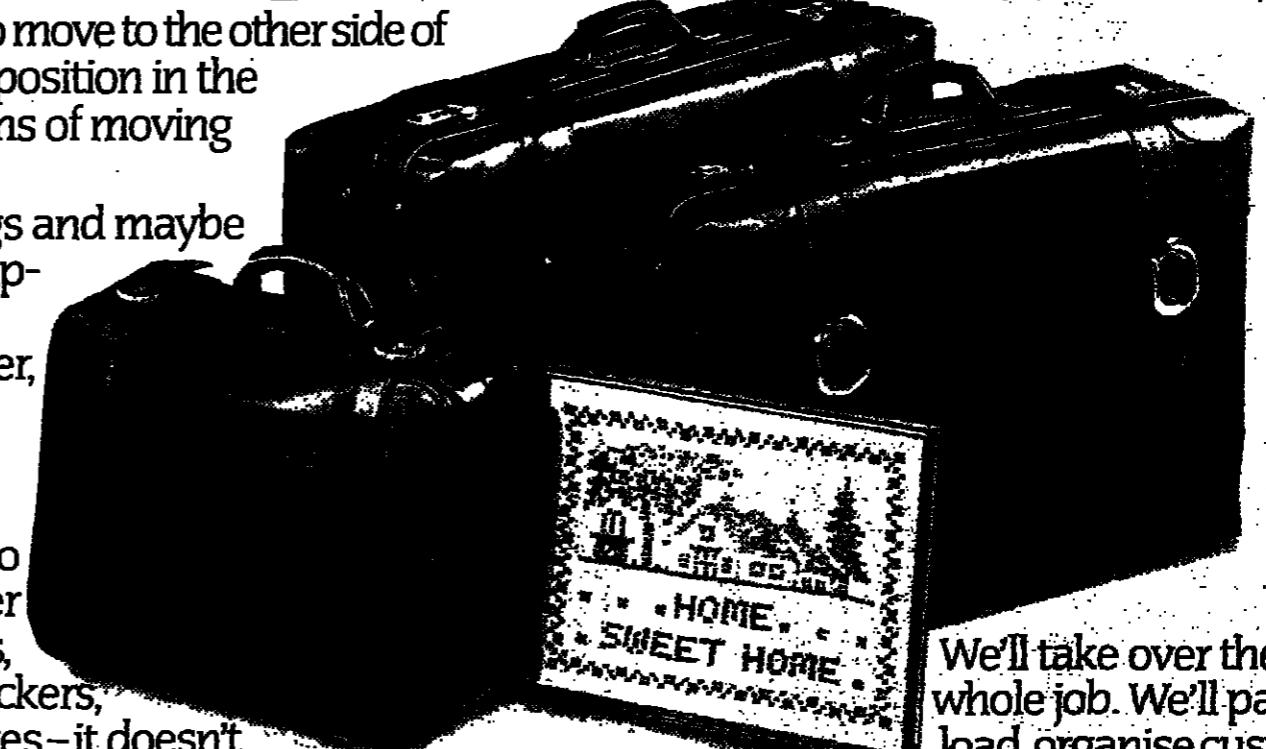
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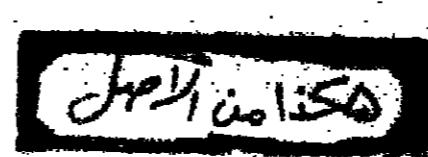


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China says it will not be 3rd world leader

PEKING, Dec. 26 (Agencies) — China is not and will not be the leader of the Third World nations, and "any country which attempts to pose as a leader and control others will be spurned," an official Chinese magazine said Sunday.

"They do not need a force above them ordering them about," the English-language *Peking Review* said. It said, "China has consistently supported other Third World countries in their struggles against imperialism, hegemonism and colonialism. It also has made great efforts to provide aid, to strengthen economic cooperation and exchanges with them and to encourage learning from each other and supplying each other's needs on the basis of equality."

"Because our relations with other Third World countries have been guided by these policies, we are respected and trusted by their governments and peoples, for which we feel honored," the magazine added.

The *Peking Review* said the Third World nations have freed themselves from "foreign yokes" and all, big or small, are political equals that "should have no leader-follower relations among them." "On some worldwide issues they support and cooperate with each other, thus influencing international relations to move in the direction of democracy and equality," it said.

It added, "although China is a big country, it has never sought a special position in the Third World. It is not the leader of the Third World today, nor will it be tomorrow, because this kind of 'leadership' does not conform to the principles guiding its foreign relations."

Meanwhile, China marked the 84th anniversary of the birth of Mao Tse-tung Sunday with an attack on extreme leftists still opposed to moderate policies implemented

since the chairman's death.

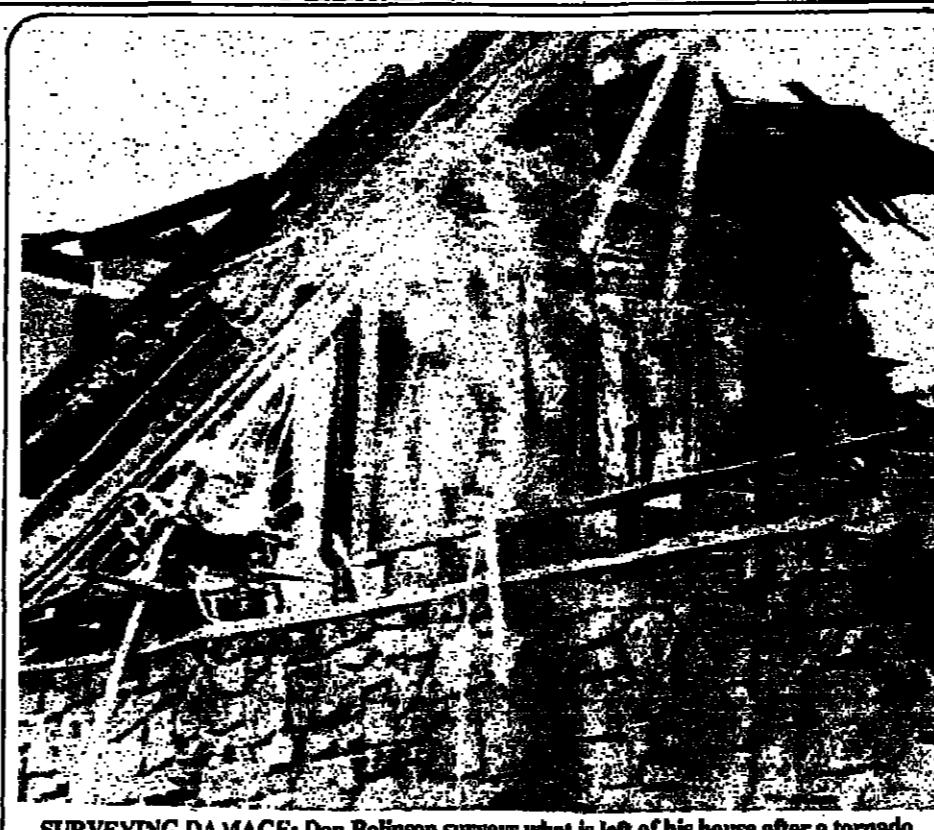
The Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily* said: "some comrades even now do not fully understand why the party line, direction and policies...are completely correct, or why the people of the entire country enthusiastically support them." The paper was commenting on the publication of 17 articles and speeches by Mao, two of them for the first time. It did not refer directly to the anniversary of his birth.

One of the newly-reprinted articles includes the slogan "without investigating a matter, you have no right to speak about it" a favorite saying of pragmatists such as China's present strongman, Deng Xiaoping. That slogan was rarely heard in the last years of Mao's life, when dogmatic extreme leftists took control with the chairman's blessing.

How to evaluate Mao's contribution to the Chinese revolution has been one of the most sensitive problems facing Deng and his associates since his death in 1976. Last year, after intense debate, the party published a definitive appraisal which declared that Mao's merits outweighed his faults, but strongly attacked him for wildly unrealistic policies in the last 20 years of his life.

The report singled out for special criticism the decade-long cultural revolution which Mao launched in 1966 and which resulted in the deaths or persecution of millions of people who was accused of being spies or having "bourgeois" ideas. It said the cultural revolution "brought catastrophe to the party, the state and the whole people," and blamed Mao for allowing the personality cult which surrounded him to be "frenziedly pushed to an extreme."

Last year, China marked the anniversary of Mao's birth by publishing an article praising him for his tolerance and broad intellect.



SURVEYING DAMAGE: Don Robinson surveys what is left of his house after a tornado struck Tulsa, Oklahoma, Friday. Civil defense authorities put the damage at \$1 million

Sikh students begin hunger strike

NEW DELHI, Dec. 26 (AFP) — Eleven Sikhs students who are detained in connection with the Sikh autonomy movement in north-

Father, son murdered

PALERMO, Italy, Dec. 26 (AFP) — A father and son were murdered with a sawed-off shotgun here Saturday night in what police termed a Mafia killing, raising to 143 the number of Mafia-related deaths in this Sicilian capital since the beginning of the year.

Police said the murders were linked to rivalry between Mafia families.

western Punjab state Saturday went on an indefinite hunger strike in a jail at Amritsar, the Press Trust of India reported.

An official of the All-India Sikh Students' Federation (AISSF) said in a press statement that the detainees' action aimed to protest against "inhuman behavior" by jail officials. The statement said they were assaulted by prison guards Friday night, but the charges were denied by authorities. PTI said, AISSF reportedly gives active support to the movement launched by the Sikh political party, the Akali Dal, which is demanding greater autonomy for Punjab.

America likely to seek relations with Albania

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP) — The United States will try for the third time in nine years to make an overture toward establishing relations with the Communist government of Albania. *The New York Times* reported Sunday.

Under consideration is a plan to propose, together with Britain and France, negotiations on the return of \$36 million in gold taken from Albania by Italian forces during World War II in exchange for its agreement to settle claims with the three allies: senior administration officials told *The Times*.

The gold was taken by German forces in 1943 during their occupation of Italy and recovered by the allies in a salt mine in Germany. Communist partisans took over Albania in 1944 and they allied with the Soviet Union.

In April 1973, then-Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Rush said in a speech that if Albania was to show interest in talks with the United States, "it will find us prepared to respond," according to *The Times*. The newspaper said a similar overture was repeated seven years later by another State Department official.

Central French city flooded

MACON, France, Dec. 26 (AP) — Year-end festival was interrupted for the second consecutive year in this east central French city where the flooding Saone River plunged the downtown area under 50 centimeters of water Saturday.

Other rain-swollen rivers throughout France, however, continued subsiding Saturday.

LA CORUNA, Spain, Dec. 26 (R) — Six persons, including three children, suffocated to death in a blazing houseboat in this northwestern Spanish port Saturday, police sources said.

A couple both aged 31, their children aged nine, five and two, and a man friend aged 48 who joined them for a party were trapped in the moored fishing vessel, the sources said.

On Christmas Day, the worst hit area was around Macon, a city of 40,000 persons about 350 kilometers southeast of Paris. In Paris, the Seine River has risen above its banks during the past week, forcing the closure of river-side expressways. No homes were threatened in the French capital, however, and only a handful of families living in boats along the Seine had to abandon home.

In Macon, the situation was more dramatic. "The floods cut into our festival sales," said one clothing merchant in Macon, where officials installed wooden foot-bridges across downtown streets.

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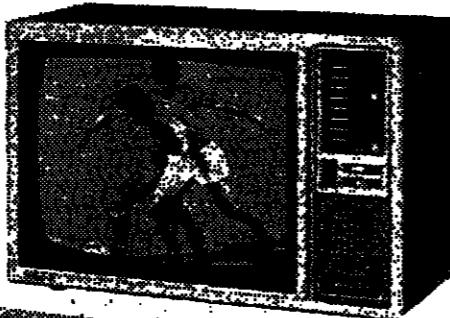
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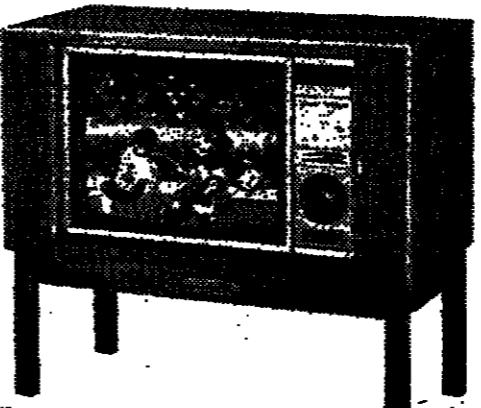
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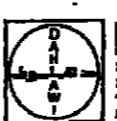
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One of the worst fates to happen to anybody is to be imprisoned, detained, killed or made to disappear for his or her views when they happen to be at variance with those of the government in power.

There are thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of political detainees described by Amnesty International as "prisoners of conscience," just because they had the courage, or is it the misfortune, to express their views loudly. As these views did not go too well with the party or person in control of their countries, they ended behind bars or even worse.

As the year comes to a close, we should spare a thought to the hapless victims of party or personal despotism in all its forms. They are treated as criminals when they are farthest from crime. They are tortured and murdered in the dead of the night when they should have been honored for their courage and patriotism for they meant well and wanted to do something good for their countries and people.

Amnesty has done wonders for these prisoners of conscience although it has by no means reduced the number of detainees and "disappearances." But it has accomplished the distinction of making tyrants ashamed of admitting that they have such prisoners and has successfully highlighted the plight of those who suffer because they say something that their governments do not like.

The worst offenders are of course the Latin American dictatorships which have been guilty of awesome brutality and ruthless liquidation of suspects and even innocent relatives of those believed to detest the regimes. The mass graves that are being disinterred regularly in some of these countries are evidence of the insanity of such regimes.

There is one solace, if any, in the tragedy of these mass disappearances and graves. Perhaps, the poor victims who were murdered may have contributed to the alleviation of suffering in their societies by giving their lives in return.

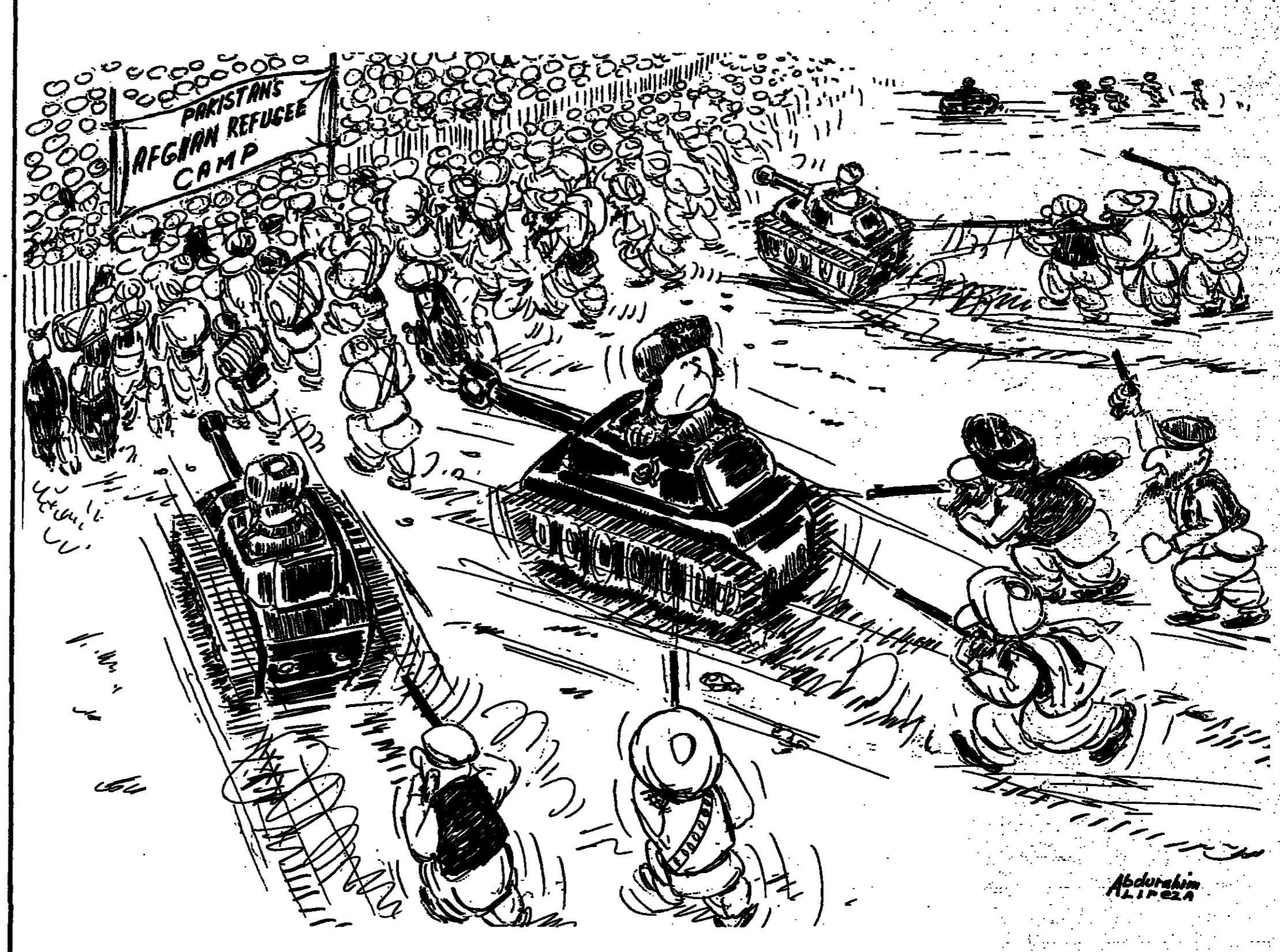
They, like others elsewhere in the world, have made disappearances a dirty word. Hopefully, some day will come when political detention will also become an unspeakable crime.

Saudi Arabian press review

Okaz Sunday called on the U.S. to implement President Ronald Reagan's peace proposals to resolve the Middle East conflict and take measures to prevent Israel from establishing new settlements on Arab lands. It said it was not enough for the U.S. administration to repeat its commitment toward Reagan's peace proposals but it should take further steps in putting these proposals into practical effect.

The paper added that the administration should exert pressures on Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and his Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to abide by peace and recognize the Palestinian people's legitimate rights.

Al-Madina warned against the dangers of factional fighting in Lebanon which it said ultimately served the interests of the enemy. The paper said Lebanon had become a scene of Israeli conspiracies and maneuvers. It deplored the opening of a new front by Israel in the mountainous area of Al-Shouf and said it was a Zionist tactical move to engulf the



Namibian issue makes '83 critical year for S. Africa

By David Reid

JOHANNESBURG —

South Africa, ending 1982 under a barrage of criticism for its commando raid into Lesotho and its stand on independence for Namibia (South West Africa), seems to be facing a critical year ahead.

The early months of 1983 could prove crucial. Western diplomats believe, not only for achieving an internationally-acceptable settlement in Namibia, the former German colony ruled by South Africa in defiance of world opinion, but also for Prime Minister P. W. Botha's cautious drive for race reforms at home. One of the highlights of 1982 was the first direct government contact between South Africa and Angolan haven for Namibian guerrillas fighting white rule and base of an estimated 18,000 Cuban troops supporting the Marxist rulers in Luanda.

This month's meeting in the Cape Verde Islands is expected to be followed by another at a time and place still to be decided. But the fact that the two sides met at all is considered a hopeful sign that the current imbroglio over the Cuban presence might be solved. A formula agreeable to both sides — as well as to the black African states, Cuba and the Soviet Union — would clear the way to peace in a Bush war which has dragged on for nearly 17 years.

And it could lead to a new era of stability in Southern Africa, in the view of most diplomats in Johannesburg. The five Western contact group nations — the United States, Britain, France, West Germany and Canada — which have been striving to speed a Namibian settlement abstained in the

U.N. General Assembly votes against South Africa on Namibia.

Western spokesmen including President Reagan have declared their continued optimism that a settlement will be reached, while South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha has put the chances of overcoming the Cuban problem as "50 percent plus." On the other hand, the raid on Maseru, described by Pretoria as a pre-emptive strike against African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla bases there, could prove yet another complication in the tortuous road to peace in Namibia.

The unanimous Security Council vote condemning the raid — taken before South African Ambassador David Steward was allowed to put his case — angered South Africa and reinforced its contention that the U.N. cannot be trusted as an impartial supervisor of free elections planned for an independent Namibia.

It was this distrust of the U.N., which regards the guerrilla South West Africa People's Organization as sole legal representative of the Namibian people, that wrecked the Geneva conference on implementing the peace plan nearly two years ago. However, South African officials argue that the Maseru raid, like a similar operation in the suburbs of Maputo, the Mozambican capital, in January 1981 and a series of raids against SWAPO bases in Angola, was aimed at protecting the people of South Africa and Namibia, black and white, against Communist-inspired subversion and terrorism.

The South Africans reject charges that it is they who are seeking to destabilize the region and say they are ready at any time to sign non-aggression

pacts with their neighbors.

These views were doubtless conveyed by Prime Minister Botha to Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda at their meeting on the South African-Botswana border last April and again when Foreign Minister P. W. Botha had a surprise border meeting with Mozambique officials this month following the talks with the Angolans. What happens in Namibia, which has only about 75,000 whites in a population of more than one million, could also affect the political future of South Africa.

Botha and his National Party are anxious to see a Namibian settlement that would install a democratically-elected and friendly government in Namibia. Anything else, especially the prospect of "the red flag flying over Windhoek," as Botha put it, would be seized on by right-wing opponents as selling the whites in Namibia, mostly Afrikaners, down the river.

A testing time for Botha will come at the end of February when the term of office of the present National Assembly in Namibia is due to expire after a three-month extension. Botha reluctantly agreed to the extension after an apparent bid to dislodge the Namibian political leader Dirk Mudge, a white farmer, and replace him with a black politician thought to have a better chance of leading anti-SWAPO forces to victory at the polls.

What happens if no settlement is in the offing at the end of February is still uncertain. South Africa might resort to another round of internal elections like those that brought Mudge's multi-racial Democratic Turnhalle Alliance to power in November 1978. These polls were not recognized

internationally, and are unlikely to be any more acceptable in 1983. They would risk delaying a settlement even further, increasing tensions in the region.

At home, Botha is awaiting vital decisions by the colored (mixed race) and Asian communities in January on his proposals for a sharing of white power with the two groups in a three-chamber parliament. The prime minister badly needs their support before the proposals go before parliament.

Botha's hand has been strengthened by recent by-election victories over both the right-wing rebel conservatives who broke away from the National Party last March and the extreme right as represented by the Herlige Nasionale Party. The latest of a series of opinion polls also backs Botha's view that a favorable climate for reform exists in South Africa. In a survey of whites, coloreds and Asians, the council found that 57 percent of whites felt that blacks who lived outside the present self-governing homelands should be represented on the president's council, a body created in 1981 to replace the upper house of parliament, from which blacks are excluded.

And 48 percent of the whites thought that without such a share in the constitutional process, there was no chance of peace among the population groups.

Opposition leader Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert of the Progressive Federal Party has said the exclusion of South Africa's 21 million black majority is the fatal flaw in the reform plans. But right-wingers such as Connie Moller of the Conservative Party rejected the poll findings and declared: "At grass roots level, the voters do not even want coloreds and Indians on the president's council."

Leading anti-apartheid campaigner Sheena Duncan, president of the Black Sash Movement seeking a better deal for blacks, said in a recent article that Botha's proposed changes were not reform, but aimed at entrenching white power. (R)

Pacifists in uniform worry German top brass

By Ralph Bonhoff

BONN —

The West German army, part of NATO's frontline defense, is striving to raise the flagging morale of some 229,000 conscripts and stave off the advances of a militant peace movement.

When Conservative Defense Minister Manfred Woerner took office in October, one of his first actions was to call a crisis meeting to discuss what many conscripts see as the Bundeswehr's (armed forces) most menacing enemy — boredom. The conference, which took place this month at Wentorf Barracks near Hamburg, gave 150 soldiers and sailors a first chance to complain about hours of daydreaming in barrack-rooms and shortages of ammunition and petrol. The picture of conscript life that emerged from the two-day conference was, a senior general acknowledged, one of "hectic under-exertion."

Some military experts say the frustration that bubbled to the surface at Wentorf means that conscripts doubt the use of the Bundeswehr. And this

they argue, can make them receptive to the arguments of their pacifist peers.

When the first raw conscripts donned the field gray of West Germany's newly-founded army 25 years ago, they faced the hostility of thousands who felt Germans should renounce the military spirit forever. Trade unions and other social groups, fearing a resurgence of Prussian militarism, launched a "Count Meut" campaign. But the new armed forces gradually won acceptance among most young Germans as, if nothing better, a necessary evil.

Hermann Giesen of the German Bundeswehr Association (VDB), a sort of servicemen's trade union, believes that acceptance has been undermined in the last three years through sheer bad organization. "Conscripts leave the Bundeswehr less convinced about its use than when they joined. Word gets around and this demeans the whole service," he said. "Of course they are influenced and made to feel unsure by this peace movement because they must describe their everyday life in the army to outsiders. Some find they have trouble with their friends at home," he added.

The root of the problem is a chronic imbalance in the age structure of the armed forces which has alarmed West Germany's military hierarchy. Senior company officers are often simply too old to lead their men from the front in battlefield conditions and the senior officer corps is the most aged in NATO, one expert said. West German Chief of Staff Gen. Juergen Brandt, who retires next year, told a senior officers meeting recently: "This structural problem...worries me at least as much as the conventional superiority of Warsaw Pact forces in Europe."

A chronic shortage of training officers means that conscripts are often left to their own devices or given petty tasks when they should be under instruction.

"When they are on maneuvers with weapons and learning the profession they have a sense of challenge. But sitting in barracks waiting for a training officer...can be frustrating," Giesen said. Most military experts agree that uniformed soldiers going to disarmament rallies are a tiny minority, but resistance to military service has clearly spread in recent years.

The VDB estimates that there is a backlog of about 100,000 applications for conscientious objectors and the authorities are struggling to cope with them. The defense ministry acknowledges only a slight rise.

The government hopes this figure will be cut by a new law extending from 16 to 20 months the length of time conscientious objectors must spend in alternative social service. The law, passed by parliament this month, is strongly opposed by the opposition Social Democrats who consider it unconstitutional. Constitutional arguments are also being raised against suggestions that women should be allowed to join the army to help solve a manpower crisis due to hit the forces in the mid-1980s.

A sudden drop in the birth-rate in the late 1960s, widely attributed to the contraceptive pill, means the Bundeswehr could shrink from its present strength of 495,000 to around 290,000 by the mid-1990s.

Feminists argue that to admit women only on a voluntary basis and not allow them to bear arms would make a mockery of emancipation. Other critics say that to enlist women as a mere "stop-gap" is equally senseless.

In the Bundeswehr itself, opinion is largely against the inclusion of women. Any idea of women being trained for combat is dismissed by all but the most radical recruits.

Another solution under consideration in military circles is recruiting volunteers from the country's 4.6 million-strong immigrant community.

Army officials have proposed that foreigners be encouraged to join the army for the standard term, perhaps with assurances that service would help their applications for citizenship. But that seems a distant prospect. (R)

Today is Monday, Dec. 27, the 361st day of 1982. There are four days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1703 — Methuen Treaty between Britain and Portugal is signed.

1794 — French troops invade Holland.

1927 — Joseph Stalin's faction wins at All Union Congress in Russia and Leon Trotsky is expelled from Communist Party.

1944 — Soviet forces surround Budapest in World War II. U.S. forces smash across German bridge in Belgium and relieve U.S. troops under siege at Bastogne.

1947 — Greek government dissolves Communist Party.

1949 — Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signs document granting Indonesia sovereignty after more than three centuries of Dutch rule.

1962 — India and Pakistan re-open talks on Kashmir.

1965 — Oil drilling rig collapses in North Sea off Yorkshire, England, and 13 of the 32 aboard are killed.

1967 — Thailand officials say Communist troops in Laos are threat to Thailand, and send troops to areas along Laotian border.

1969 — Libya, Sudan and United Arab Republic announce political, economic and military agreement in Tripoli.

1976 — At least 20 persons die in fight between two groups of blacks in Cape Town, South Africa.

Advances in technology

Western warfare under sea

By Patrick J. Sloyan

BERGA, Sweden (N) — The swans heard the helicopters first. Their graceful gliding and feeding on the fjord was transformed into a clumsy wing-pumping escape, their webbed feet finally running across the surface as they lumbered into the air over the Baltic Sea.

Two banana-shaped helicopters plopped sonar monitoring devices strung from cables into murky water. They hovered like giant dragonflies as their rotors churned up a mist where the swans had been. It was just after dawn. The Swedish Navy was beginning another week in a hunt for an unidentified submarine believed to be spying on the top-secret Musko Naval Base 20 miles south of Stockholm.

In fact, there were at least two — and maybe four.

The drama illustrated the seeming impossibility of locating a submarine on the surface much less in the vastness of the world's

oceans. But these same northern waters are the focal point of a massive application of science and technology by the U.S. and its allies that is ripping holes in the underwater cloak that hides the Soviet submarine force. Some experts believe it will soon be stripped away. More than 15 years of research and at least \$50 billion in Pentagon spending has created a global network of listening and tracking electronics — on the ocean floor and aboard submarines, surface ships and airplanes — designed to keep a 24-hour watch on 185 Soviet submarines.

Advances in underwater sound detection, computerized analysis and satellite communications have enhanced this capability. Starting next year a new fleet of small, civilian-manned navy ships will for the first time comb the deep ocean basins of the world with what scientists call a "spectacular" new listening system.

For more than two decades, vast stretches of deep ocean have hidden American,

French, British and Soviet missile submarines, making them almost invulnerable to attack as they move slowly and silently within striking distances of targets thousands of miles away. It is this invulnerability that plays a major role in preventing nuclear war: even if an aggressor destroyed all land-based nuclear weapons of another nation, it still would face destruction from hidden submarine missiles.

The importance of strategic submarines has increased as more accurate warheads threaten, at least on paper, fields of intercontinental ballistic missiles deployed on land where both sides have plotted their locations within a few feet. Today, however, Soviet missiles on submarines theoretically are becoming vulnerable, too.

American and NATO defense planners and U.S. and Western antisubmarine warfare experts say unfavorable geography for the Soviets has been turned into a Western advantage with Space Age electronics.

Advanced electronic detection systems are being deployed on most of the 90 U.S. Navy attack submarines and even more surface ships and helicopters as part of a project that rivals, in terms of cost, impact and scope, the more celebrated — and obvious — Pentagon programs to build squadrons of planes or fleets of aircraft carriers.

Top-secret classifications have hidden most of the program from American taxpayers. The oceans have hidden the hardware. But Soviet defense planners seem up to date. For example, when a nuclear-powered American submarine from the Polaris-Poseidon missile-firing fleet leaves Holy Loch, Scotland, and eases into the Firth of Clyde, a Soviet attack submarine is waiting to follow. Quickly joining the game is an American attack submarine. With its speed and sound, it blocks, decoys and confuses the Soviet pursuer while Poseidon disappears from Soviet detection devices.

Underwater sound is the most fascinating — and most classified — aspect of the American antisubmarine warfare effort. American submarines are dramatically quieter. Modern British submarines are the quietest. But most Soviet submarines are so noisy.

A Soviet submarine's signature — the collection of sounds it makes — can be detected crossing within range of one of the fixed underwater hydrophones, and course and speed can be plotted if it crosses a second underwater listening post. Data collected from these arrays are relayed by satellite to the naval computer.

Since World War II, sonar has been used to calculate the direction and speed of underwater boats. Much like radar, sonar emits a narrowly focused sound wave that strikes a submarine's hull and then bounces back to the sonar sender's hydrophone. To locate direction, the sonar signal is emitted at various points of the compass. The speed at which the echo returns indicates distance. The faster reflection indicates movement toward the sonar sender, slower indicates the submarine is moving away.

A major drawback of this active detection system has been its slowness in pinging a target, but it has been overcome. Surtass represents the most ambitious extension of sonar searching.

More precise location of Soviet submarines around the world is the work of the Orion aircraft that can fly to the areas indicated by Surtass as the underwater network. In addition to using magnetometers to locate submarines by sensing magnetic-field disturbances, the PCs can drop self-contained sonar systems that relay findings to the aircraft operators. The same techniques are used by smaller planes and helicopters deployed from NATO aircraft carriers.

Despite these technological arguments have raged — primarily in scientific journals — over the emerging ability by the United States to make the oceans transparent and submarines vulnerable. Senior U.S. Navy officers involved in antisubmarine warfare argue the bulk of their forces are deployed to deal with Soviet submarines' threats to American fleets, not keeping track of Soviet submarines.

Nevertheless, AT&T officials estimate less than 10 — and probably only eight — Soviet strategic submarines are on patrol at any one time. And, most of them are in the Barents and Okhotsk Seas. By contrast, at least 18 of the 37 U.S. Polaris-Poseidon fleet are ranging the oceans 24 hours a day.

One major counter to Western antisubmarine warfare efforts has been Soviet innovation in submarines. "I think they lead the world in applying new designs and approaches," said John Moore, editor of *Jane's Fighting Ships*, the authoritative encyclopedia of naval defense.

Although neutral Sweden does not share in the U.S. antisubmarine program, it can afford the best submarine detection systems on the market. Even so, one and perhaps two Soviet submarines have evaded their hunt in what is a puddle compared with the 129 million square miles of oceans confronting American subhunters.

By Peter J.

Steinrohr

M.D., F.A.C.P.

propel you to a radiologist so that you will not need to keep guessing about the diagnosis. Don't be surprised if you have gallstones and a hiatal hernia. Mrs. S. Often, they are associated.

MEDICALETTE

(Replies to and from readers):

For Mrs. L.: A letter from podiatrist R.M.G. of San Diego: *Dear Dr. Steinrohr:* I read with interest a recent column by you relating to a Mrs. C. She described a hurting and burning pain in her forefoot with no significant physical findings. Physical examination revealed normal reflexes and circulation in this otherwise healthy 59-year-old woman. Your reply indicated a tarsal tunnel syndrome and advised the patient to consult an orthopedic surgeon. Certainly a tarsal tunnel syndrome can cause some symptoms similar in nature to those described by the patient. Her description of the symptoms, however, are practically "textbook" for a Morton's intermetatarsal neuroma. There is little question that a competent orthopedic can and does take care of these problems. However, I feel certain that the podiatrists of this country are much more familiar with this and other foot problems.

(Tomorrow: Herpes simplex)



NOT A BOMB: The commander of a Finnish Coast Guard is holding a Soviet submarine marker buoy. At least ten buoys, each measuring 40 cms in length and resembling a bomb, were detected in the Finnish coast on the Baltic Sea this summer indicating increased Soviet submarine activity in the area.

Smugglers' zone thrives near Hong Kong's border

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON, (LOS) — Two Communist Chinese officials have been found guilty of organizing a multimillion-dollar smuggling racket in the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone, just over the border from Hong Kong. The zone is an area where foreign and Chinese business enterprises are allowed to take part in "joint ventures."

The two convicted officials misused their positions in the China Electronics Import and Export Corporation to import illegally 550,000 television sets within a year, together with 340,000 radio-cassette recorders, 1,350,000 tapes, and 20,000 calculators. The value of the goods was over \$11 million.

They also misappropriated half-a-million dollars in customs duties and were involved in illegal foreign currency deals amounting to \$16 million. Party investigators discovered that 730 cheap television sets went to certain government organizations, "probably as disguised bribes to facilitate their economic crimes." The conspirators were exposed when customers complained to the authorities that it was impossible to obtain spare parts for the illegal sets.

The Shenzhen economic zone is a hive of smuggling, bribery, and embezzlement. It is a center, too, for Hong Kong's notorious Triads, secret societies with roots reaching centuries back in China's history. The Triads now oversee smuggling and drug-pushers to such a degree in Canton province, and Shenzhen in particular, that police banned them from the zone recently.

Smuggling has become big business in China as a whole. Earlier this year the

authorities arrested a Canton official whose electronic smuggling network extended to Shandong in the northeast, where his wife managed the operation.

According to the anti-smuggling division of the State Council, more than 900 boats and ships involved in "small-scale" smuggling were apprehended in the first nine months of this year, carrying \$28 million worth of smuggled goods. In the last two years Chinese customs solved 51,000 smuggling cases amounting to \$75 million and stopped 1,251 "major" smuggling ships with \$102 million worth of illegal merchandise aboard.

The traffic is two-way. Electronic equipment and nylon cloth are the chief items coming in. Some illegal drugs enter as well but China has now become a transhipment point for Thai heroin, which is then smuggled out to Hong Kong.

Medicinal herbs and antiques also leave illegally. Last year 8,000 antiques were seized, many of museum quality, most of them carried out by tourists and foreign businessmen.

For 150 years China's leaders have been preoccupied by what they see as the pollution of their country by the West. Deng Xiaoping and his comrades ceaselessly rail against the "capitalist and bourgeois" ideas which accompany the technology required if China is to reach its goal of quadrupled production within 18 years.

What agitates the Dengists, whose own elite live in great but discreet comfort, is the connection between the computers, vital for national modernization, and smuggling, pornography, rock music — and dark glasses with foreign labels.

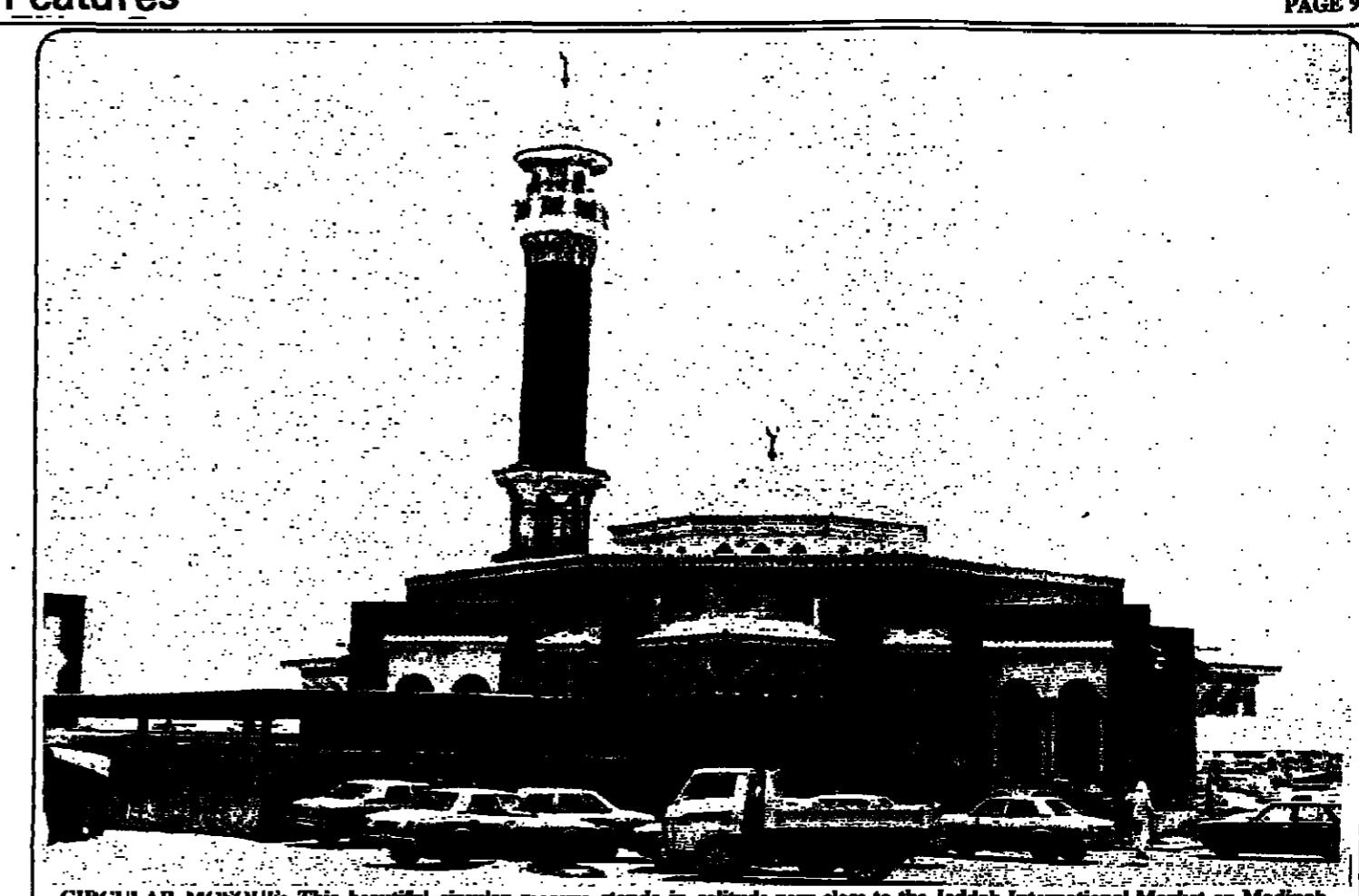
GALLSTONES SYMPTOMS



Dear Dr. Steinrohr: Some time ago, you had a column on gallstones symptoms. I lost the copy. Would you mind writing about the difference in symptoms between hiatus hernia and gallstones? Are they hard to tell apart? Mrs. S.

Dear Mrs. S.: Are you trying to make your own differential diagnosis? If so, you're letting yourself in for unnecessary discomfort. Usually, the diagnosis can be easily made by X-ray examination. But, if you go along without knowing the actual cause of your symptoms, what you think is gallbladder trouble may be due to hiatus hernia — or to no actual organic disease at all.

First, remember that gallstones may be silent. I have known patients with gallbladders filled with stones who had no indigestion at all. Likewise, many patients with hiatus hernia do not even realize they have it until routine X-rays have been taken. What about distinctive symptoms? There aren't any. One patient with gallstones may have continual pain in the abdomen and complain of heartburn, gas, nausea. If a stone "gets caught" in a bile duct, the patient suffers the typical, painful colic attack. How do these symptoms differ from those in the hiatus hernia patient? Sometimes not at all. In fact, some times the hiatus attack is so severe that the patient may appear to be having a coronary heart attack. Is this all unclear? I hope so. It may



CIRCULAR MOSQUE: This beautiful circular mosque stands in solitude very close to the Jeddah International Market on Madinah Road.

In celebration of the Hijra

By Soad Zahid

reckon with and worthy of their respect and fear and thus create a climate of peace and security.

Although the Quraish outnumbered the Muslims in arms and men, they were completely routed. The idolaters numbered 1,000 and had hundreds of camels and more than 100 horses but the Muslims were only 300 with 40 camels and 4 horses. One of the Quraish leaders, Abu Sufian, who was leading the caravan, managed to escape by taking the sea route and he advised his followers to return to Makkah. Abu Jahl, a stalwart of the idolaters, was taken aback when news of the defeat reached him in Makkah.

He is reported to have said: "We shall not fear shying of a battle with Muhammad. Do you want people to say that we are afraid of fighting him? We shall go to Badr to demonstrate to all the Arabs that we are the masters of this country."

Badr was the historic occasion when Muslims won their first victory against idolaters.

Did not Allah promise them victory? Angel Gabriel gave Prophet Muhammad the glad tidings: "Rest assured O! Prophet! Allah will surely do what He promised!" This was a direct answer to the Prophet's pressing entreaty to Allah before the hosts met on the battlefield. "If this day thou dost let the army of the soldiers of the faith be wiped out, then no one will be left on the earth to adore Thee!"

After the victory, the Prophet insisted on

making peace so he decided to negotiate the peace of Hudaibiya. Wanting to perform *Umrah* at the Holy Mosque in Makkah, the Prophet sent word to the Makkans that he was coming as a man of peace and had no intention of shedding any more blood. The Prophet went to Makkah with a flock of sheep that he would sacrifice for the poor. Nevertheless, the Quraish did not respond to his appeal for peace and their warriors left Makkah to engage the Muslims. But the Prophet took another route to avoid them and to prove his peaceful intentions.

In spite of all his efforts, when the Prophet reached Hudaibiya he found that the Quraish had sent some warriors to hatch a plot against him. This band tried to attack the Muslims at night but were captured and imprisoned. To assure them of his good intentions, the Prophet released the captives.

The Quraish insisted on a peace treaty for 10 years and said they would not allow the Prophet to perform the *Umrah* that year, but in the following year. Two years later, Quraish broke their promise and helped their allies from Banu Bakr to defeat the Prophet's allies, the Banu Khuza'a, some of whom had become Muslims. When they called for help the Prophet Muhammad went to their aid and the final battle for Islam was fought near Makkah, and the idolaters were defeated forever.

Gems lend glitter to Pakistan economy

By Muhammad Ziauddin

ISLAMABAD (Depthnews) — If there's glitter in the average Pakistani's eyes these days, the reason could be gems.

During the past few years Pakistan has emerged as a major world supplier of precious stones, and for all that we know, the nation may have barely scratched the surface of its rich treasure trove of gems. Last year's export of precious stones fetched 80 million rupees (\$6.5 million). The gems included emerald, ruby, spinel, paraglass, aquamarine, topaz, kunsite, garnet and quartz.

According to official estimates last year's haul totalled 16,190 carats of emeralds from the Swat emerald mines and the Charbagh-Alipuri project; 3,973.4 carats of rough ruby from the Hunza ruby project; 9,447.4 carats of rough topaz from the Katlang project; and 18,405 carats of aquamarine and 66,250 carats of tourmaline from the Dassu (Skardu) project.

Organized government exploitation of the country's rich supply of precious stones only started in 1979, with the establishment of the Gem Corporation of Pakistan Ltd. But within three years, the corporation has brought Pakistan into the forefront of the world's leading supplier of precious stones.

Worldwide recognition has placed Pakistan on the map as a major gems supplier. Last September, the Gem Corporation's four-day international auction sales in Karachi drew famous gem merchants from the U.S., Western Europe, the Middle East, India and the Far East.

At the end of the four-day affair, Pakistan counted 40 million rupees (\$3.2 million) in sales. Even more significant, the corporation officials have decided to hold annual auction sales henceforth in view of the worldwide response.

Last year, Pakistan also held an international auction, but the proceeds amounted to only 18.7 million rupees (\$1.5 million). Sales outlets have since been established at Hunza, Gilgit, Swat, Rawalpindi and Peshawar.

Most of the gemstones are found in the northern regions of the country close to the Himalayan peaks. Emerald was first discovered in Swat in 1958. Other emerald deposits are found along an area extending about 200 kilometers across the Mehmood Agency, Bajaur Agency, Alas Kohistan and Astor, all on the border with Afghanistan.

The Swat emerald is a standout among Pakistan precious stones for its brilliance, medium to deep green color and its unique transparency. It compares favorably with the finest emeralds from Muzo, Colombia, according to experts.

The Swat emeralds are generally small in size. The cut stones normally average less than a carat, but the recently discovered deposits in the Mehmood and Bajaur Agencies are an exception. The emeralds from these two areas are yellowish green, slightly less luminous than the Swat emeralds.

Ruby is found in the limestone-rich region of Hunza close to the scenic Rakaposhi peak in Karakoram. The Hunza rubies range in



FANCY DIAMOND: Shown next to a dime and one carat diamond, this 79.12 carat diamond appraised at \$4.25 million was offered for sale in Dallas recently.

CIA study shows

Soviet economy going downhill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP) — The Soviet Union's gross national product quadrupled over the past three decades, but its economy is now in a strong slide that began in the late 1960s, according to a CIA study released Saturday.

The study, released by the joint economic committee, said the Soviet people's standard of living "has improved rapidly during the 30 years." Per capita consumption nearly tripled from 1950 to 1980, rising at an average annual rate of 3.5 percent.

However, the U.S. intelligence agency noted that "gains were much smaller in the 1970s than in the 1960s and 1950s, reflecting a slowdown in overall economic growth."

"While substantial, the growth rates for per capita consumption are well within the bounds of those found in Western countries in the postwar period, and Soviet living stan-

S. Africa may discover oil

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 26 (R) — South Africa has a good chance of finding oil in viable quantities after recent successes in its offshore drilling program, the general manager of the state-financed exploration company said Saturday.

Dr. Piet Van Zyl of the Southern Oil Exploration Corporation (SOEKOR) told South African radio the existence of good source rock around the coast.

Financial discord may ground Concorde

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP) — Six years after its turbulent takeoff, Concorde, the British-French supersonic jetliner, is still dodging financial storm clouds.

Though passengers appear to love it, the state subsidies that keep it aloft are as uncertain as the winds over the Atlantic.

In London, the Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said that after next April, it will no longer pick up 14 million to 16 million pounds (\$22.5 to \$25.5 million) a year in "support costs."

In Paris President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist government continues to absorb the 160 million francs (\$23-million) yearly operating loss.

But in the past seven months, services from Paris to Rio de Janeiro, Caracas, Mexico City and Washington have been axed, and there are persistent rumors denied by the transportation ministry that the remaining New York flights will be grounded.

Despite the uncertainties, the sleek, delta-winged plane with the swivel nose down for landing, up for cruising soars over the Atlantic each day, cruising at 1,350 miles per hour (2,170 kph), landing a mere three hours 45 minutes after takeoff, three

hours faster than other jets. At least for the immediate future, it appears likely to continue doing so.

"We support Concorde," said a spokesman for the French transportation ministry. "We are committed to it."

Sir John King, chairman of state-owned British Airways, declared: "Concorde services will go on. We are very happy about future prospects."

Indeed, the British have some reason to be. Since the government decided to write off the 120 million pounds purchase price (\$193 million), BA's seven Concorde have soared from losses of 10 million pounds (\$16.2 million) between 1976 and 1981 to profits of 2 million (\$3.2 million) in 1981-82 and 7 million (\$11.3 million) in 1982-83.

More than half a million passengers have been carried. The airline's twice-daily flights from London to New York and three times a week to Washington fly 70 percent full.

By June 1983, British Airways expects to begin handing over to the treasury 80 percent of Concorde operating profits. The bright horizon was clouded last month by Trade Minister Ian Sproat's decision to stop footing the bill for support costs.

study — culminating a years-long research effort by the CIA's directorate of intelligence — as "the first publicly available estimates of Soviet national economic accounts that are comparable to Western practices."

The CIA report said Soviet gross national product — estimated in 1970 — grew from 133.6 billion rubles in 1950 to 525.4 billion rubles in 1980, an average growth rate of 4.7 percent.

The annual GNP growth rate averaged 5.5 percent during 1951-55, 5.9 percent for 1956-60, 5.0 percent for 1961-65, 5.2 percent for 1966-70, 3.7 percent for 1971-75 and 2.7 percent for 1976-80.

"The data suggest that the Soviet economy has been in a strong growth slide since the late 1960s, and that the average growth rate in the late 1970s was barely half the rate of 10 years earlier," the study said.

It said growth of Soviet industry, "although generally exceeding that of GNP, has slowed from the 8 to 12 percent per year range in the 1950s to the 3 to 4 percent per year range in the late 1970s."

The report said the share of GNP created in industry has increased steadily from 20 percent in 1950 to 37 percent in 1980, while agriculture's share of Soviet GNP has dropped from 31 percent in 1950 to 14 percent in 1980.

"Other notable trends are the growing importance of transportation and — surprisingly — the declining relative importance of the service sector," it said.

Reuss described the data presented in the

Abu Dhabi oil consumption up by 16.5%

ABU DHABI, Dec. 26 (WAM) — Consumption of refined oil in the country last year rose by 16.5 percent as compared with 1980. Muhammed Al Oassimi director of the economic department at the ministry of petroleum and mineral resources said.

This included a rise of more than 14 percent in super gasoline (90 octane), more than 20 percent in special gasoline (97 octane) as well as rises by more than 16.2 percent in kerosene and 16 percent in diesel oil respectively. Al Oassimi told the Dubai-based English daily *Khaleej Times*.

The official said even after the Ruweis refinery becomes fully operational, the price of refined oil in the country would not be reduced. Bahrain and Oman, Oassimi said, were selling their crudes at the real costs although both these states are not, however, subsidizing petroleum production.

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Drought stalks Indonesia

JAKARTA, Dec. 26 (AFP) — The world recession and an exceptionally long drought have hit agriculture this year in Indonesia, 60 percent of whose 150 million people work in the agricultural sector.

Farm exports dropped both in value and quantity while the drought, the worst in ten years, delayed the planting season and even harvesting in some areas, Agricultural Minister Hadisaputro said Saturday.

Some 510,030 hectares of paddy fields, including 178,341 hectares which were

initially unproductive, could not be irrigated, he added in an interview with the semi-official

Antara News Agency.

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apparently solved the (rice) problem and we

have, in principle, reached self-sufficiency.

But a recent U.S. Embassy report said Indonesia's rice production would not exceed 22.3 million tons and forecast that the 1982 drought would adversely affect output in 1983. The report also said Indonesia would be forced to import two million tons of rice next year.

Despite the lower farm output, the government is continuing its rehabilitation and expansion program for both private and state plantations, the minister said.

Exports of farm products also dropped markedly this year and log exports, which reached 5.8 million tons between January and September 1981, plummeted to 3.5 million tons during the same period this year.

Rubber exports, which totaled 694,000 tons during the January-September 1981 period, dropped to 616,000 tons during the same period in 1982.

Coffee exports also went down from 177,200 tons for January-September 1981 to 174,600 tons for the comparable period in 1982.

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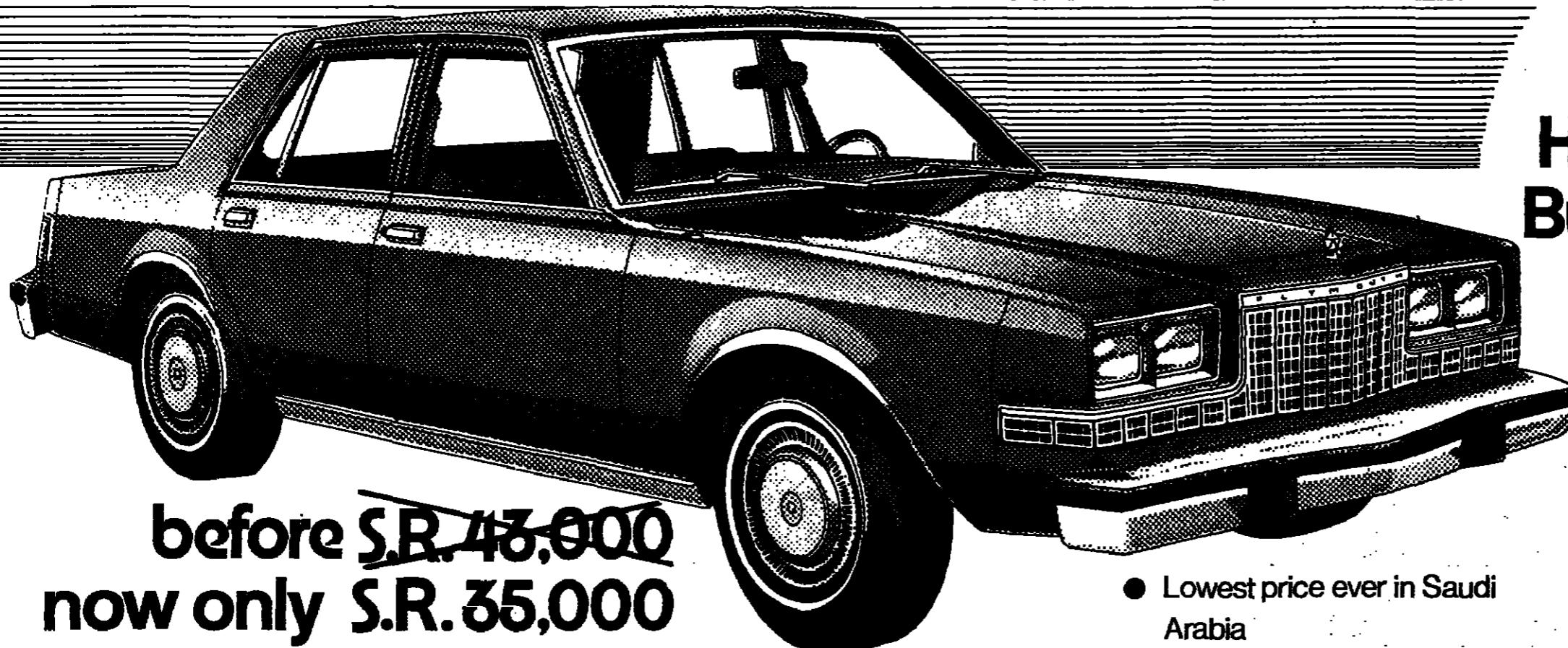
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CBI survey shows

U.K. economy fails to take off

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AFP) — Estimates on gross domestic product issued this past week reveal that the British economy has remained stagnant during the first nine months of the year, and real growth since the recession hit bottom last year has been only about 1 percent.

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI), the main employers' group, has just published a survey showing manufacturing industry as still suffering from a deep recession. All this means that the government can entertain no hopes for an improvement on the job front, especially since most of Britain's major trading partners are also still

struggling with depressed economies.

There has been some good news, however, on the inflation front, as the implied index of total home costs for the third quarter was only 6 percent higher than the quarter a year earlier. The employment department had earlier reported that British prices in general rose at an annual rate of 6.3 percent in November, against 6.8 percent in October. The November figure was the lowest monthly reading for more than 10 years.

There was also good news on the balance of payments, which enjoyed a big surplus of 700 million pounds in November, the best monthly figure since April last year.

The surplus was 489 million pounds in the previous month (revised from the 459 million, and only 63 million for November 1981). For the first 11 months of the year, the surplus in the balance of payments is 3.8 billion pounds (more than \$6 billion), but due to the relatively poor results of the first half of this year, the balance so far is well below the

corresponding period of last year (5.47 billion pounds).

The November improvement was due to a jump of 4.9 percent in exports, which beat the monthly record with 4.93 billion pounds. Exports were virtually stationary at 4.46 billion pounds. Oil has continued to play an important role, accounting for a record 506 million pounds of the surplus on balance of payments (against 496 million in October and only 219 million in November last year).

The OECD has just issued its forecast for the U.K. economy, saying it will continue to be held back by a substantial loss of manufacturing competitiveness that has emerged during the past three years. Growth in output will be only 1 percent next year in real terms, against the 0.5 percent anticipated for the current year, the OECD says. And the forecast adds that "in the first half of 1984, GDP and manufacturing production are still likely to be some 2 percent and 13 percent respectively below their 1979 peaks."

France turns to solar power

TOULOUSE, France, Dec. 26 (AFP) — France will take a tiny but significant step next month in its bid to seek an alternative to oil when it begins to operate its first solar energy plant.

The 2.5-megawatt solar plant, named "Thémis," is capable of supplying the electricity needs of a small town like nearby Font-Romeu and its 3,000 inhabitants.

Its power will be fed into the national grid in the first half of January, the state-run power company EDF announced here.

France's first solar complex is composed of 201 giant mirrors with a total surface area of 17,500 square meters which will trap the sun's rays.

It covers an area of five hectares at an altitude of 1,700 meters at Turgassone, in the French pyrenees.

The Thémis was planned in 1975, and has cost 230 million francs (about \$31 million) to complete. EDF paid 60 percent of the cost, the state 24 percent and the local authorities 16 percent.

The work on this site, which started in

October, 1978, was scheduled to be finished at the end of 1981.

But there were many delays in bringing the Thémis into production. Marcel Sagot, head of building programs in the Alpes-Marseille region, said: "Everybody knew from the beginning that this was not a power plant like the others, destined to produce electricity, but a national solar energy experimental center, in other words, a laboratory."

EDF officials admit that the final site of the Thémis was "the result of many compromises and without doubt there were some errors in calculating the amount of 'usable' sun, as well as mistakes over the region's climate. So there was some initial damage."

In January, 1981, Gale force winds badly damaged some of the giant mirrors, and four more were smashed in November and 10 in December. Cracks appeared in all the others.

These incidents resulted in eight months of extra work, and extra cost in replacements and redesigning the mirror bases. "This damage, caused by weather conditions, had not been foreseen," Sagot admitted.

Gulf Air set to 'retaliate' against PIA

Riyal rates remain stable

By J.H. Hammond

ABU DHABI, Dec. 26 (WAM) — Gulf government's intervention is to be sought by Gulf Air over the Pakistan civil aviation authorities reported refusal to grant it landing rights for its proposed Dubai-Rawalpindi service, the Dubai-based English daily, *Gulf News*, reported Sunday.

The newspaper said the rejection of the airline's application by the Pakistani civil aviation authorities prompted Gulf Air to "retaliate" with a move to get IATA-approved travel agents in Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the UAE (owners of the Gulf Air) to sell only Gulf Air tickets and not those of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), the national carrier of Pakistan.

Consultations are under way with the civil aviation authorities in the four Gulf states to evolving a formula for negotiations with the Pakistan government.

The newspaper said a Gulf Air delegation is likely to visit Doha, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Muscat for further discussions early next month.

Meanwhile, the travel agents have not approved the airline's request to issue only Gulf Air tickets for Pakistan and not those of PIA, which operates services between Dubai and Rawalpindi besides other destinations in Pakistan and UAE cities.

On the other hand, Gulf Air services out of the UAE and other Gulf countries, however, are restricted to Karachi only.

Debt crisis can be resolved—BIS

ZURICH, Dec. 26 (R) — Recent bridging finance operations for Mexico and Brazil have shown that the debt crisis in the world financial system can be solved, Swiss National Bank and Bank for International Settlements President Fritz Leutwiler was quoted as saying by three Swiss newspapers.

But the problem of many countries' overindebtedness is longer term, and cannot be solved quickly through rescue operations by central banks or the International Monetary Fund, he added in an interview published in the newspapers.

Leutwiler said in the interview "If you ask whether the debt crisis can be solved, and if you stress the word crisis, then I think I can answer yes."

Nothing but criticism has been heard against the amnesty law from accountants, tradesmen, businessmen and industrialists. They all regard it as "penalizing those who in the past have paid most tax while favoring those who have never paid any."

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paid \$500,000 instead of \$1 million in the relevant tax year, it now has to pay, in order to be straight with the authorities, \$125,000; firm B, on the other hand, having not paid a penny in that year, now needs to pay only the minimum \$400 to secure for itself legal immunity from prosecution for fraud.

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medium to longer-dated funds.

Other tenors were mostly given for information purposes and the year-fixed was quoted at 9-9 1/4 percent levels. Dealers continued to report influxes of riyal liquidity into the system and this has made lending rates to clients extremely competitive during the past two months. In a time of showing economic growth this is good news for local firms.

On the exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates were hardly traded and prices remained fixed at around 3.4395-02 levels all day Sunday. Again, year-end book squaring for some local banks ensured that not much significant activity took place. The markets are expected to open quiet Monday.

Italians scoff at tax amnesty

ROME, Dec. 26 (LOS) — The Italian government has decided to extend the deadline of its tax amnesty, a controversial and so far ineffective measure to enable taxpayers to square their accounts at a very modest price with the ministry of finance without risk of prosecution.

The extension from Dec. 15 until next March was decided on because so few of Europe's most notorious tax dodgers have taken advantage of the official clemency.

The amnesty law has three objectives to let people come clean with the fiscal authorities before a new law, coming into effect next year, which will empower magistrates to arrest and throw in jail suspected tax evaders; to clear the backlog of thousands of outstanding tax cases pending before the fiscal tribunals; and finally, and most importantly, to try to bring in some very badly needed cash for the state's coffers.

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declared target of raising about \$4 billion by this once-only revenue tax seems to be proving an illusion. Those who have always paid a considerable amount of tax have not been inclined to come across with more when it is obvious that the dodgers can escape by handing over derisory amounts.

It is estimated that the state annually loses \$20 billion through the wholesale dishonesty of most Italian taxpayers. Italian parliamentarians are the first to set a bad example by changing suspiciously low incomes.

And now cheap-fare bus firm collapses

LONDON, Dec. 26 (R) — About 1,000 international travelers, mostly young with little money, were stranded Sunday by the collapse of a British cheap-fare bus firm, a company spokesman said.

Most of them were believed to have traveled from Britain to spend holidays elsewhere in Europe but some young cross-channel travelers were stranded in Britain.

Philip Cranleigh-Swash, a director of Magic Bus, said the company was insolvent and ceased trading on New Year eve. The firm, London Telephone gave a recorded message: "We very much regret to announce that Magic Bus has ceased to trade."

Foreign Exchange Rates

	Quoted at 5:30 p.m. Saturday	Cash	Transfer
Belarus Dinar	9.10	9.135	9.135
Bangladesh Taka	7.40	7.40	7.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	289.00	289.00	289.00
Canadian Dollar	134.25	144.60	144.60
Deutsche Mark (100)	130.50	130.85	130.85
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.25	3.28	3.28
Egyptian Pound	93.25	93.70	93.70
Emirati Dirham (100)	50.75	51.00	51.00
French Franc (100)	49.96	50.41	50.41
Greek Drachma (1,000)	6.25	6.25	6.25
Irak Dinar (100)	25.50	26.10	26.10
Italian Lira (10,000)	14.54	14.54	14.54
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.76	9.73	9.73
Jordanian Dinar	11.92	11.89	11.89
Kuwaiti Dinar	88.90	88.76	88.76
Lebanese Lira (100)	56.00	54.56	54.56
Moroccan Dirham (100)	28.10	26.60	26.60
Pakistani Rupee (100)	5.58	5.55	5.55
Philippines Peso (100)	93.50	94.56	94.56
Pound Sterling	28.00	27.20	27.20
Qatari Riyal (100)	172.60	172.90	172.90
Singapore Dollar (100)	1.445	1.435	1.435
Sri Lanka Rupee (1,000)	3.45	3.44	3.44
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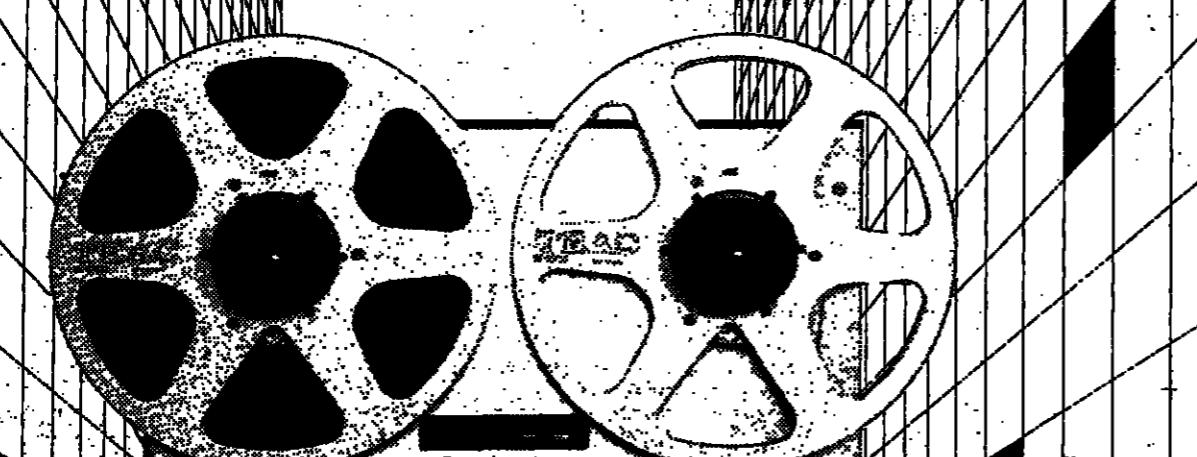
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As other batsmen flop

Tavare, Lamb rescue England

MELBOURNE, Dec. 26 (AP) — A masterly fourth-wicket partnership of 161 between Chris Tavare and Allan Lamb saved England from total disaster on the first day of the fourth Test against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Sunday.

Needling to win this encounter to have any chance of saving the Ashes, the tourists' first innings ended at the close for a disappointing 284. Apart from Tavare and Lamb, England again showed little pluck at the crease, with the middle-order caving in on the new Melbourne Cricket Ground Test strip.

Australian skipper Greg Chappell won the toss and dictated terms throughout most of the day. It was the third occasion he had sent the England lineup into bat — and the second time, the move proved right.

There is no rest day in this fourth Test, but Willis must have felt that some of his batsmen come one Sunday. But he could have no quarrel with Tavare and Lamb, who for a time took the attack apart in a defiant, courageous stand.

Openers Geoff Cook and Graeme Fowler were tentative, vice-captain David Gower

had one of his few failures of the series and Ian Botham was again followed by his usual 'bogey'.

Chappell passed Bob Simpson's record number of 110 Test catches when he caught Cook off the bowling of Jeff Thomson. Playing his 81st Test, Chappell reached the record when he caught Fowler off new-ball speedster Rodney Hogg. Simpson gathered his catches in 62 Tests.

Score-board

England (1st Innings)	10
G. Cook c Chappell b Thomson	4
G. Fowler c Chappell b Hogg	89
C. Tavare c Yardley b Hogg	18
D. Gower c March b Hogg	83
A. Lamb c Dyson b Yardley	27
I. Botham c Wessels b Hogg	10
G. Miller c Border b Yardley	9
D. Pringle c Wessels b Hogg	1
R. Willis not out	6
N. Cowans c Lawson b Hogg	3
Extras	24
Total	284
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-25, 3-56, 4-217, 5-227, 6-259, 7-262, 8-268, 9-278.	
Bowling: G. Lawson 17-6-48-0; R. Hogg 23-3-6-69-4; R. Yardley 27-9-89-4; J. Thomson 13-2-49-2, G. Chappell 1-0-5-0.	

It was a bumper financial day for Australian cricket, with a crowd of 64,081 blocking the entrances to the ground early in the day and forcing Victorian officials to order the MCG gates to be opened early Monday.

Tavare, in an innings sometimes out of character, produced some fine scoring shots on the way to his 89, which came in 247 minutes and included 15 boundaries. His partner Lamb hit an aggressive 83 in 160 minutes with 13 fours, to display the form which he has been displaying throughout the tour.

Both decided that too much respect was being given to the pacemen and spinner Yardley — Tavare took five fours from seven deliveries in two overs from Yardley — and the 100 partnership came up in 94 minutes.

They took a struggling England from 56 for two at lunch to 185 for three by tea and it was only when Yardley made a brilliant gully catch from Tavare off Jeff Thomson that Australia breathed easily again. But England fell apart in the final session, with seven wickets crashing for 101 runs.



FOOTBALL BALLET: Frank Hardin (19) an Eastern Kentucky University's defensive back leaps over Paul Hammon (39) of the University of Delaware... an effort to intercept the ball during the Pioneer Bowl in Wichita Falls recently. EKU's Anthony Jones (right) also failed to intercept the ball.

Leeds hold Oldham in rough tie

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP) — One player was sent off and six others booked as Oldham and Leeds United showed little festive spirit in one of only two English League soccer matches played Sunday.

The second Division match ended in a 2-2 draw in front of a crowd of 15,658 at Boundary Park.

Oldham led in each half, through Roy Palmer and John Ryan, but Leeds equalized with goals from Kenny Burns and John Sheridan. Leeds played the second half with only 10 men after Gwyn Thomas was sent off for a foul.

A Keith Houchen goal gave Orient a 1-0 victory over Millwall in a Third Division match at the Den. Full English League soccer programs are scheduled both Monday and Tuesday.

Gross, the champ with graceful strokes

WEST GERMANY, Dec. 26 — Michael Gross from Frankfurt, twofold gold medalist of Guayaquil in Ecuador, is just two meters tall, slender and weighs only 83 kilograms.

After a mediocre performance at an international swimming event in February, the German Swimming Union demoted him to the second team, and at one stage it was not certain that he would even be nominated for the World Championships. But Michael Gross was undismayed and, knowing that he was on the right course, he — with the help of his trainer Peter Pinck — made it on his own. And he proved triumphantly that he was right: two gold medals and one silver in the individual events, and two bronze medals in relay races.

Michael Gross, who turned 18 only six weeks before the Championships started, is not and never has been an extrovert. He is a modest person, "anti-arrogant" — as somebody wrote of him after his return — and hates being the focus of attention. He would have preferred to slip out of Frankfurt Airport unnoticed through a rear exit. When he won his first gold medal in Guayaquil, in the 200 meters freestyle event, he raised his left arm in the air in triumph. But after winning the 200 meters butterfly event — ahead of the American swimmer Craig Beardsley, who had not been beaten for two years — he did not make any show of joy. Gross is a person of great self-control.

There was every reason to make a fuss of him, though: because no other swimmer from the Federal Republic of Germany, however, had been so successful. The German Swimming Union had hitherto recorded only one World Championship title in an individual discipline. Gross is an outstanding stylist who can convert muscular power into graceful, smooth movement. He makes it all look so easy as he glides through the water. Only an expert eye can detect what this swimmer really has in him. Mark Spitz, winner of seven gold medals for the United States at the 1972 Munich Olympics, confidently predicts: "He will be one of the great names."

The press — not just in the Federal Republic of Germany — had the same comments to make. This was not to the liking of the man whose name was in the headlines. For Gross, who won the 1981 European Championship title and holds both the European records in the butterfly events, is something of an introvert. With the unusually high IQ rating of 161, he thinks very carefully before he does anything — even in sports.

His first step is always to deliberate and

Cash makes exit

ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec. 26 (AP) — The speed of Australian Chris Johnstone will be pitted against the power of American Mike Bauer in the final of the \$75,000 South Australian Open on Monday.

Johnstone has speed around the court, but the 21-year-old Californian has strung together an impressive list of victories in Adelaide and his power game looks hard to beat.

On Sunday, Bauer outlasted the world's No. 1 junior, Pat Cash of Australia, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, while Johnstone ousted Brod Dyke of Australia 7-6, 6-3.

analyze meticulously. Once he is convinced that a decision is right — and it is part of the job of Peter Pinck from North Germany to help him 'make up his mind' — then he develops an iron will. The experts agree that no other German swimmer has ever shown such resolution. He fights his way so success-motivated purely by his own love of swimming.

"As soon as I stop enjoying it, I'll quit," he says repeatedly. After his successes at the World Championships, the thought of the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles should give him added impetus to go on enjoying swimming. Of course, he knows that sooner or later he will have passed the peak of his powers. But this has obviously not happened yet. And for a personality like his the thought of testing his limits is clearly intriguing.

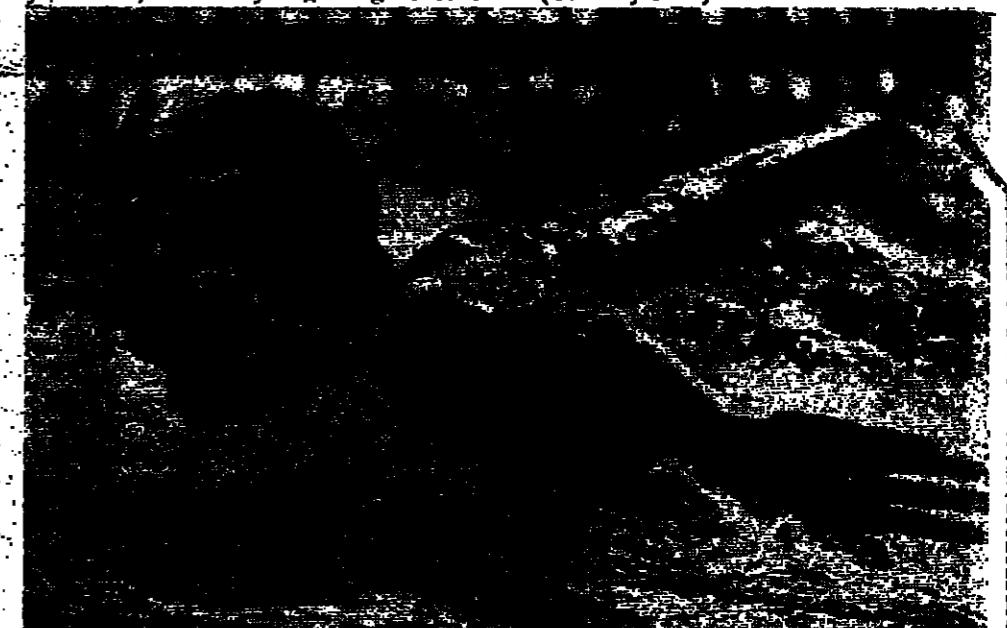
Gross has often enough demonstrated his self-assurance and steady nerves — qualities he possesses to a degree which still surprises even his parents. Prior to the 1980 Olympic Games he swam 100 meters butterfly in 54.69 seconds at a meet in Toronto. On paper, this time would have won him the gold medal in Moscow. But as it turned out, the Federal Republic of Germany boycotted those Olympics. The 16-year-old swimmer's reaction at the time was typical: "I don't care. If I'm still in competitive swimming in four years' time, I'll still be young enough to make

up for anything I've missed out on."

He has not changed since then. In Guayaquil, when the U.S. team announced to the press that Beardsley would swim the 200 meters butterfly in 1'58", Gross told his mother: "That's too fast for me. I'll have to make do with the silver medal." On the last length, when Beardsley closed in for the final stroke, Gross put on a last burst of speed and won in 1'58.85."

The champion was originally discovered in a voluntary swimming class in school. The big breakthrough came in 1978, when he gained a place in the competitive team of his club EOS Offenbach and traveled with his parents to the World Championships in West Berlin. "Both events were a terrific impetus for him," says trainer Pinck. He doesn't whether Michael Gross could ever have achieved what he has on his own, without being part of a team. Other contributory factors are that his family life is a happy one and that his social environment is still intact. His parents have always attached great importance to their only son's sporting ambitions without being obsessed with success.

On his return home, he behaved a little like a small garden party the same afternoon. He brought out his five medals to show his club colleagues and school friends. Then he carefully wrapped the ribbons round them again and tucked them away — in his jeans pocket. (Courtesy Scalzi)



ON WAY TO NEW MARK: Michael Gross in action during the 200 meters butterfly event, which gave his second gold in Guayaquil.

Canadians begin on impressive note

LENINGRAD, Dec. 26 (AP) — Holders Canada beat West Germany 4-0 in the first Group 'A' match of the Junior World Ice Hockey Championships here Sunday.

The Canadians survived a hard-fought, but goalless first period, and went on to score three times in the second period and once in the third and final period.

With honors even after the first period, the impressive approach play of Mark Morrison spurred the Canadians on to three goals in the second period, as their swift and direct style

of play paid off, delighting the crowd of 7,000.

Turgeon opened the scoring in the 22nd minute after a pass from Andreychuk, who got his own name on the scoresheet eight minutes later when he slammed the ball home after taking a pass from Verbeek.

Verbeek scored the third in the 32nd minute, after good work by Eagles, and in the third period, Turgeon again found the net in the 42nd minute, once more accepting a pass from Andreychuk.

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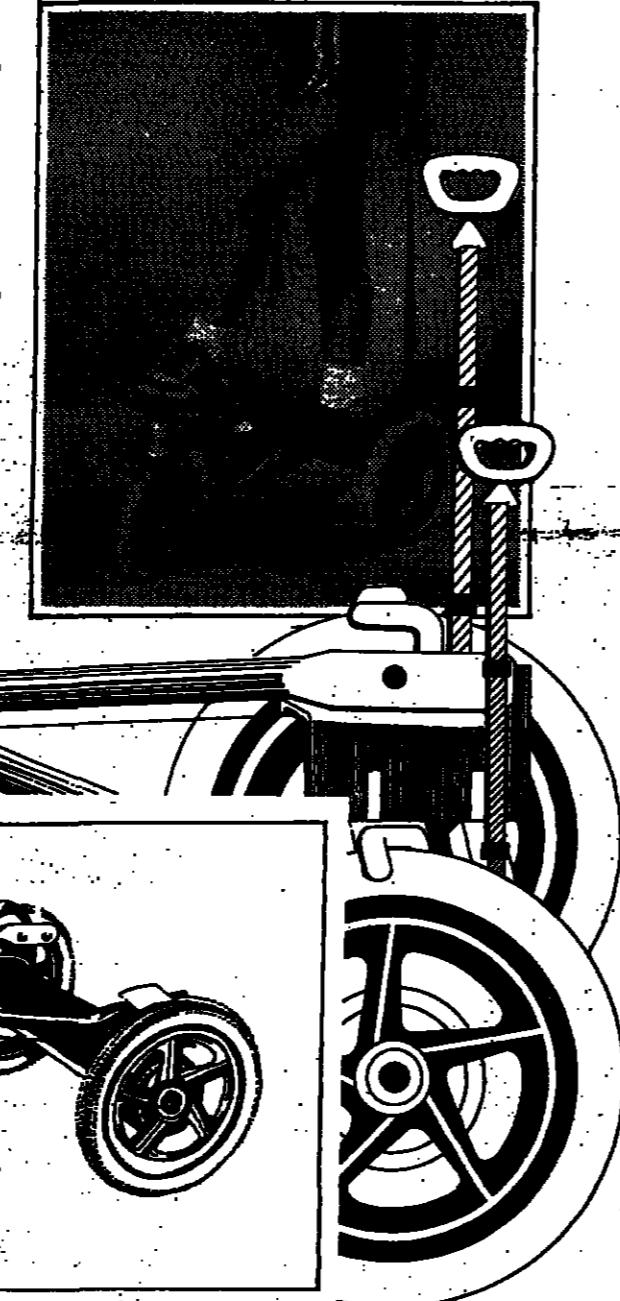
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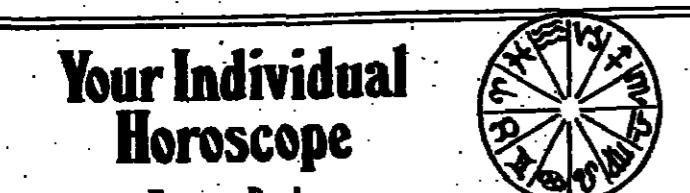
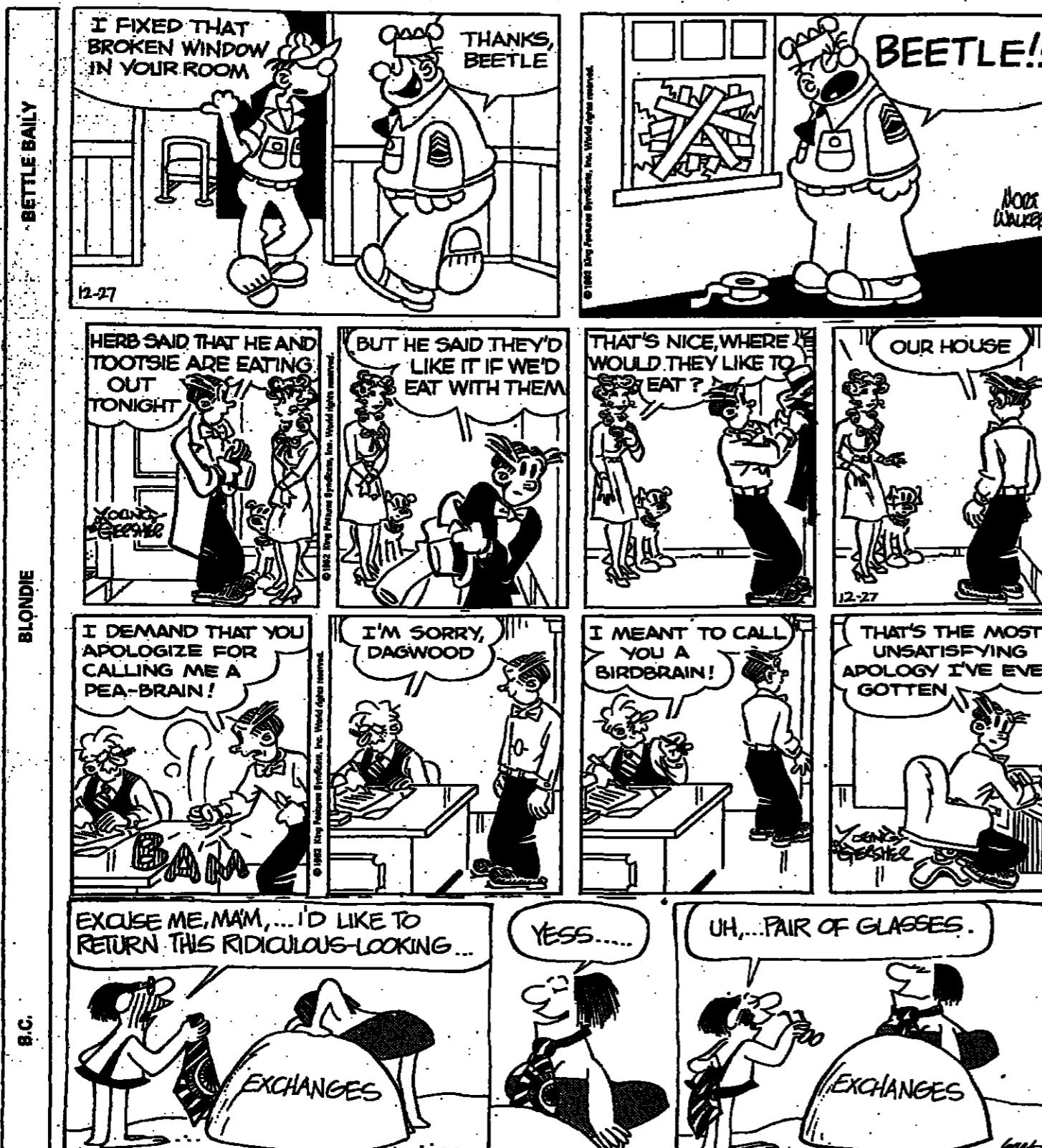
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ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Morning brings progress on the job and luck through business discussions. Later, others are prone to exaggerate.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Schedule meetings with publishers, lawyers and advisers. A close tie tends to extravagance. Keep expenses at a minimum.

(May 21 to June 20)

You have good insights into problems now and will be able to clear up a mystery. A procrastinating friend may keep you waiting.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Be open with loved ones and settle problems that exist between you. Moodiness will only complicate your situation.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Sit down with a close tie and talk about mutual objectives. You'll have to cut down on expenditures. Attend to bills.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Despite the vagueness of others, you're mentally on top of things. Forego entertaining others at home for business reasons.

You'll have luck in dealing with higher-ups. Expect some positive career developments. Social life is iffy after dark.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Accept an invitation to join others at a cultural event. Mental work is favored, but a career idea doesn't seem feasible.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Family members are in agreement about an investment matter, but there are still snags to be worked out. Watch out for big talkers.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

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PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

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It's a favorable workday for you as long as you minimize distractions. Make sure you follow-through on commitments.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Tap your creative potential. Mentally, you're stimulated and should put good ideas into motion. Don't mix business and pleasure.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

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Saudi Arabia

4:00 Queen

Program Preview

— Cartoons

— Children's School

— Children's Multimedia

6:00 Quran Recitation

Safety Program

7:00 English News

7:15 English Cartoons

— A Picture of Development

— Short Comedy

9:30 Arabic News

Program Preview

— Cartoons

— Arabic Series

— Variety Songs

— Wedding

— News Summary

— Children

— Children's Show

— Children's Cartoons

— Arabic News

— Local News

— Children's Programs

10:25 Arabic Series

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Calls Soviets great

Moscow gets warm Peking greetings

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (R) — The Communist Party daily *Pravda* Sunday published an unusually warm message from the Chinese government which diplomats said indicated a degree of willingness to continue normalization talks.

The message headed a series of greetings to Kremlin leaders from other countries and parties on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Soviet Union, and included a rare reference, to "the great Soviet peoples." The message said: "China sincerely hopes to bring about gradual normalization and establish good-neighborly relations between our countries." This, it said, would help develop traditional friendship between the Soviet and Chinese peoples and would be in the interests of peace in Asia and throughout the world.

"Both sides must take practical steps to remove obstacles by means of consultations, applying joint efforts to achieve this goal," *Pravda* quoted the message as saying. Main obstacles to normal relations between Moscow and Peking are the presence of more than one million Soviet troops along the Sino-Soviet and Sino-Mongolian borders, the Soviet military intervention in Afghani-

stan and its support for Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea.

Western diplomats said the reference to "joint efforts" might indicate Peking was no longer insisting that only the Soviet side would have to take some conciliatory move.

A hint of the Kremlin's readiness to compromise came from Viktor Afymayev, the editor of *Pravda*, when he told Japanese journalists in Moscow after the funeral of President Brezhnev that it was possible the two sides might agree to a joint reduction of troops along their border. Diplomats see this as the easiest of the obstacles to overcome. Elsewhere the gulf appears as wide as ever.

Last week, *Pravda* published a fierce attack on China which condemned Peking's inclusion of the Kampuchea question among conditions for an improvement in ties with Moscow. On Afghanistan, *Pravda* has said troops will be withdrawn only if "foreign interference" ended and guarantees were given that it would not resume.

Soviet Communist Party chief Yuri Andropov has pledged to continue efforts initiated by the late Brezhnev to improve his country's relations with Peking after 20 years of bitter feuding.

Chinese uncover drug fraud

PEKING, Dec. 26 (AFP) — A major fraud involving the manufacture of traditional Chinese medicine was recently uncovered in central China. *The Worker's Daily* reported Saturday. The main culprit, Li Zhenke, a peasant from a Henan commune, was arrested and six top local officials were made to go through self-criticism sessions, the paper said.

Encouraged by the commune's deputy secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, a few years ago Li began making a medicine for rheumatism according to a traditional Chinese formula.

However, lacking in medical knowledge, Li substituted the formula's tiger bone, a very rare ingredient, with a fruit containing the poison strichine and generally used to induce vomiting. He then affixed a fake med-

Riot kills prison employee

PRINCE GEORGE, Virginia, Dec. 26 (AP) — About 50 inmates at a medium-security federal prison rioted on Christmas morning, and a prison employee was stabbed to death, authorities said.

At least one inmate was injured, and he was taken to a hospital, said Jim Rich, spokesman for the Federal Correction Center in Prince George County. The riot at the prison, which houses about 600 male inmates aged 18 to 26, began about 10 A.M. (1500 GMT) when the inmates were gathered in the dining room for a brunch, Rich said. He said officials believe the melee began as a fight between two inmates and

spread as others joined in.

"We were just arriving at work and there was a disturbance. It began in the dining room and spilled out into the compound" outside, Rich said. "We saw inmates forming in groups. We saw inmates injured. We called in the emergency crews and then we secured the compound."

Gregory J. Gunter, 31, a construction and maintenance foreman employed since May, died of multiple stab wounds, Rich said. "We believe he was responding to the incident and was probably one of the first people there. From there on it's speculation," Rich said.

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